PLANT FACT SHEET

Erianthemum dregei (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Tiegh

GENUS *Erianthemum* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy mistletoe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that grows off other plants. The stems are 2 m long. It grows on a wide variety of hosts. The stems can be spreading or hanging. The small branches have white hairs. The leaves can be opposite or one after the other. They are oval. It forms flowers in the wet season. The flowers are in heads of 2-6 flowers. They are greenish-yellow. The fruit is a bright orange or red berry. They are 10-15 mm across. The seeds are red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in higher rainfall woodland and forest. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 2,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 16 Erianthemum species.

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