PLANT FACT SHEET

Scolopia rhamniphylla Gilg.

GENUS *Scolopia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 12 m tall and is branched. The bark is pale brown to grey. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are small and wedge shaped at the base and tapering to the tip. There are teeth along the edge. They are slightly hairy on the veins. The fruit is a flattened fleshy berry. It is 7 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near rivers and in mountain forests. In Tanzania it grows between 1,000-2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The ripe fruit are collected during the rainy season.

NOTES

Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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