PLANT FACT SHEET

Drypetes floribunda (Mull. Arg.) Hutch.

GENUS *Drypetes* **FAMILY** Putranjivaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 10 m high. The crown is low and the branches are crowded. The bark is pale brown and smooth. The twigs are slender and slightly hairy. The leaves are 3.5-12.5 cm long by 1-6 cm wide. Often there are short spiny teeth along the edge. The leaf stalk is 6 mm long. The flowers are cream and 6 mm across. They occur in small clusters on the twigs. The are also on the stem on ridges which run across the stem. The fruit become yellow. They are round and 12 mm across. There are 3-4 seeds in an edible pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in drier parts of forest regions and extends into savannah regions. It can be on the edge of mangroves.

NOTES

There are about 200 Drypetes species. They are also put in the Euphorbiaceae family.

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