PLANT FACT SHEET

Guibourtia conjugata (Bolle) J. Leonard

GENUS *Guibourtia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Small false mopane

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are used for drinks and oil.

DESCRIPTION

An erect tree. It is small to medium sized. It grows 9 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The bark is pale grey. The leaves are twice divided. The leaflets are oval and only slightly curved. They are 3-5 cm long. They are unequal on each side. They are shiny green above and paler underneath. The flowers are in loose heads at the ends of the branches. They are yellow or white. They are 5 mm across. The fruit is a flat, thin, leathery pod. It is almost round and 4 cm long by 3 cm wide. It is creamy brown. The seed do not have a fleshy layer around them.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in dry soil. It can grow in arid places. It grows in deep sand and along river banks. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 1,500 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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