PLANT FACT SHEET

Turraea nilotica Kotschy et Peyr.

GENUS *Turraea* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Bushveld honeysuckle tree, Small mahogany

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

CAUTION; The dried leaves are poisonous.
The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub or tree. It grows 2-4 m high. It can be 10 m high. The bark is grey. The leaves are large and oval. They are 16 cm long by 10 cm wide. Underneath it is covered with hairs. The base tapers into the leaf stalk. The flowers are greenish-white but turn yellow with age. Petals are 2.2 cm long by 0.3 cm wide. They occur in dense clusters along the younger branches. The fruit is almost round. It is a thinly wooded capsule. It is 5-10 mm across. It splits to release blackish seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open wooded grassland and on rocky ridges. It can grow on termite mounds. It grows between 60-1,525 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 66-70 Turraea species.

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