PLANT FACT SHEET

Pyrostria bibracteata (Baker) Cavaco

GENUS *Pyrostria* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Zimbabwe porcupine bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit can be eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It grows 2-10 m tall. The bark is smooth and pale grey. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are broadly oval and 13.5 cm long. They are stiff and somewhat leathery. The flowers are in groups of 30. They are yellow or cream and small. The fruit are yellow and 5-8 mm across. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on woodland and usually where there is a high water-table. It grows from sea level to 700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected from April to June.

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