PLANT FACT SHEET

Monodora junodii Engl. & Diels.

GENUS *Monodora* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Green apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is hard and woody but is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub or slender tree. It grows to 7 m high. The bark is grey and smooth. The leaves are oblong and 6.5-16 cm long by 3-3.5 cm wide. They are shiny pale green. They taper to the base. The leaves droop. The flowers bloom in late spring. They are very striking. They are reddish-brown and hang downwards. The look something like a butterfly or orchid flower. The fruit are round and mottled. They are 4 cm across. They become dark brown and deeply ridged. There is a hard shell with many dry brown seeds inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry sand forest. It occurs in hot, dry, rocky outcrops. They are probably sensitive to frost. It can grow in arid places. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Trees are a little difficult to establish.

NOTES

The seeds are used for necklaces.

PICTURES



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