PLANT FACT SHEET

Scolopia mundii (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Warb.

GENUS *Scolopia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Red pear, Mountain saffron, Red thorn-pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Root

The fruit are kept for two days after harvesting then eaten.
CAUTION: Some reports say the fruit are poisonous until kept to fully ripen.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can be 9-25 m high and with a trunk 1.2 m across. The crown has spreading branches. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are 2.5-8 cm long by 2.5-5 cm wide. They are oval or egg shaped. The edges of the leaves have sharp teeth. The leaf is dark glossy green above and paler underneath. Leaf stalks are often red. The flowers are small and greenish-white. The groups of flowers are in the axils of leaves. The fruit are 1.3 cm across. They are round with a wispy point. The fruit are yellow or orange when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level to about 1900 m altitude. It often grows on high rocky grassy slopes. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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