PLANT FACT SHEET

Flacourtia montana J. Graham

GENUS *Flacourtia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The ripe fruit are eaten. They are also used for jellies. The seeds can be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It is thorny and loses its leaves. It can be 10 m high. The leaves are alternate. They are oval with 3-5 veins. The leaves are 12-18 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. They are shiny and there are teeth along the edge. The flowers are creamy white. They occur in velvety clusters. The fruit are reddish and cherry like. They are sour and edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are common in deciduous forests in the lower hill regions.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The fruit are available during summer or February to March in southern India.

NOTES

There are about 17 Flacourtia species. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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