PLANT FACT SHEET

Maerua gilgii Schinz

GENUS *Maerua* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

DESCRIPTION

A twiggy shrub, scrambler or small tree. It grows 3-10 m high. The twigs are green. The leaves are simple and do not have stalks. They are very narrowly oval. They are 5-12 cm long by 1 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 6-9. The fruit is broadly oval and 1-5 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. There are 1-5 seeds. They are kidney shaped and 4 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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