PLANT FACT SHEET

Searsia pyroides var. pyroides

GENUS *Searsia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit taste better when roasted. The light green ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can grow 6 m tall. The small branches are brown and hairy. The leaves have 3 leaflets. They are oval and 5 cm long. It can have large rounded teeth. Underneath the leaflets are hairy. The flowers are in small branched sprays 15 cm long. They are yellow-green with bright yellow stamens. The fruit are flat and round and yellow-red. They are 3-5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 1,500-2,800 m above sea level. It can grow in the desert or dry shrubland.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

Medicine.

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