PLANT FACT SHEET

Craterispermum schweinfurthii Hiern

GENUS *Craterispermum* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Porridge-stick

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sweet bark

The bark is chewed.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or medium sized tree. It grows 15 m tall. It is similar to Craterispermum laurinum. The leaves are 7-18 cm long. They are oval and yellow-green. The base is wedge shaped. The flowers are in compact groups near the axils of leaves. The flower stalk is stout and flattened. The fruit are 5-6 mm long and do not have a stalk.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry evergreen forests. It can be on termite mounds. In Zimbabwe it grows between 200-1,770 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by cuttings.

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