PLANT FACT SHEET

Pavetta assimilis Sond.

GENUS *Pavetta* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Kaffir bride

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. They are sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub or slender tree. It has a slight brown trunk and flattish twigs. One form has hairy leaves while the other form has smooth leaves. The leaves do not have leaf stalks. The leaves are 2.5-6 cm long and 3 cm wide. They are egg-shaped but broadest below the middle. The tips are rounded and the base narrowed. The leaves are fairly dark green. The edges of the leaves are rolled slightly inwards. The flowers are small and white. They occur in bunches. The fruit are round and pea-sized. They are black and shiny. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 400 Pavetta species. They grow in the tropics.

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