PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium afromontanum (F. White) Byng

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Forest water-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25-40 m high. The trunk is short. The crown is wide spreading. The bark is pale brown and rough. The leaves are simple and opposite. The leaves are 6-13 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. Leaves are smaller at higher altitudes. They are sword shaped and wedge shaped at the base. The fruit are 1.8 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. They are purple-black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in uplands and mountain regions. It grows in dry forest. It grows in forests near rivers and also in dry forests. It suits high rainfall areas between 900-2150 m above sea level.

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