PLANT FACT SHEET

Ochna schweinfurthiana F. Hoffm.

GENUS *Ochna* **FAMILY** Ochnaceae

COMMON NAMES Brick-red ochna

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 3-7 m high. The bark is dark grey and thick. It is cracked. It separates into square segments. The leaves are oval and 5-13.5 cm long by 1.7-5.5 cm wide. The are olive green with net veins. The leaf tapers to the leaf stalk. The flowers are bright yellow. They are 1.5 cm across. They are sweetly scented. They appear in dense groups of 4-10 flowers on a short central stalk. The fruit usually have 2-4 separate carpels each oval and 9 mm long by 7 mm wide. These are black when mature.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows over a range of altitudes in open deciduous woodland. It grows in stony soils between 750-1,675 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

NOTES

There are 90 Ochna species.

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