PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora caerulea B. D. Burtt

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Blue-bark commiphora

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The young roots are chewed for juices.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It has clean stems. It grows up to 13 m high. The bark is smooth and succulent and blue in colour. The leaves have 3 leaflets or there are 2 pairs of leaflets and one at the end. The leaflets are oblong and 8 cm long by 4.7 cm wide. The edges of the leaves are wavy or toothed. The flowers are small and greenish-yellow. They occur either singly or in small clusters. The fruit are almost round and 1.5 cm across. It has a thin layer of pulp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on thicketed ravines and rocky hill slopes.

NOTES

There are about 165 Commiphora species.

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