PLANT FACT SHEET

Gardenia aqualla (Schweinf.) Stapf et Hutch.

GENUS *Gardenia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh. They stain the teeth black.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2-3 m high. The bark is smooth and yellowish. The branches are hairy. The leaves are in rings and are hairy on both sides. They are oval and 6 cm long by 2 cm wide. The flowers are white to yellow. They are small and 2-4 cm long. They have a straight tube with spreading petals at the end. The fruit is narrowly oval and barrel shaped. They are 4 cm long and yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the African savannah and the Sahel. It is often in shady depressions. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 200 Gardenia species.

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