PLANT FACT SHEET

Uvaria kirkii Oliv. ex Hook. f.

GENUS *Uvaria* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. The seeds are discarded.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or scrambler. It can grow 8 m high. The leaves are broadly oval. The base is heart shaped or rounded. They are 3-12 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowers are cream or pale yellow. They occur singly. They are large. The plant flowers then dies. The fruit are 17-25 mm long by 8-11 mm wide. There are 5-8 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In East Africa it grows from sea level to 450 m above sea level. It grows near rivers. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected from April to June.

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