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Carpotroche platyptera Pittier

GENUS *Carpotroche* **FAMILY** Achariaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-8 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval. The flowers grow on the trunk. Male and female flowers are separate. Male flowers are in groups and female flowers occur singly. The fruit are orange to red and have angles like a carambola. They fruit are 6 cm long and 4-5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seeds are put in warm water before planting. They germinate in 4-8 weeks.

NOTES

There are about 30 Carpotroche species. They are also put in the family Kiggelariaceae and Euphorbiacece. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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