PLANT FACT SHEET

Ehretia obtusifolia Hochst. ex A. DC.

GENUS *Ehretia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES Big-leaved puzzle bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-10 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. It has several stems. The leaves are alternate or in clusters on short side branches. They are broadly oval and 2-6 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The leaves are leathery and softly hairy on both surfaces. The flowers are small and 5-7 mm wide. They are white and in dense clusters on short side shoots. They have a sweet scent. The fruit are red berries. They are 7 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is often on termite mounds between 150-1,500 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is similar to Ehretia coerulea.

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