PLANT FACT SHEET

Warburgia salutaris (Bertol f.) Chiov.

GENUS *Warburgia* **FAMILY** Canellaceae

COMMON NAMES Fever plant, Pepper bark, Pepper root

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring, Spice

The leaves are sometimes added to curries. They have a peppery taste.

DESCRIPTION

A tree growing 15 to 40 m high. It is higher in tropical areas. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are olive green. They are 13 cm long by 4 cm wide. The leaf stalk is usually short. The leaves have a bitter, burning taste. The flowers are small and green. They contain both sexes. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round berries up to 4 cm across. They are dark green and turn purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest. It is often in rocky and sandy places.

NOTES

The bark is used for a tonic. It is used in medicine. There are 3 species of Warburgia.

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