PLANT FACT SHEET

Carpotroche surinamensis Uittien

GENUS *Carpotroche* **FAMILY** Achariaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 8 m high. The flowers are on old wood and leafless branches. The fruit is a woody capsule 4 cm long by 3.5 cm wide. It is green to orange. It has a velvety surface and some broad wavy wings. It opens with 4-5 valves. There are 10-20 seeds that are 1 cm long by 0.7 cm wide. They have a bright red or purple aril of layer around the seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the undergrowth in rainforests and along creeks.

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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