PLANT FACT SHEET

Keetia gueinzii (Sond.) Bridson

GENUS *Keetia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Climbing turkey-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub which is often a scrambler or small tree. It can reach 10 m in height. The bark is dark and almost black. The branches are long and trailing. There are several pairs of wide spreading leaves. The leaves are oblong with a square or heart shaped base. The leaves are oval and 11 cm long by 5 cm wide. They are dark green. There are hairs along the veins especially underneath. The base is lobed. The leaf stalk is 5 mm long. The flowers are in loose clusters. These are in the axils of leaves with branching stalks. The flowers are white and cone shaped. The flowers are cream and have a sweet smell. They occur in heads in the axils of leaves. The fruit can be single or have 2 lobes. They are 1 cm long by 1.4 cm wide. They occur in dense clusters. They are dark when mature. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on the edges of forests and in most types of woodland. It grows between 800-2,200 m altitude.

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