PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Thevetia ahouai (L.) A. DC.

GENUS *Thevetia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Chilindron

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten.
The sap and seeds are poisonous to animals.

DESCRIPTION

A bush or small tree. It grows 1-3 m tall. It has a short stem. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are narrow and long and 8-20 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They are broadly oval and taper to the tip. They bunch towards the tip of the branches. All parts have lots of latex. There are many flowers in a group. They are yellow. The fruit are 3-5 cm across. They are red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 600 m altitude in Central America. It mostly grows along the edges of forests. It is in the humid lowlands.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit occur at any time of the year.

NOTES

There are about 10 Thevetia species.

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