PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria alnifolia (Baker) Roberty

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or medium sized tree. It can grow 25 m high. The trunk is 70 cm across. The trunk can be twisted with flutes and small buttresses. The bark is grey, cracked and scaly. The young branches have reddish-brown hairs. The leaves are in spirals. They are simple and entire. The leaf blade is oval and 12-25 cm long by 7-16 cm wide. The leaves can be slightly hairy underneath and have 15-20 pairs of side veins. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves or where leaves have fallen. The fruit are oval berries 1.5-2.5 cm. They turn red when ripe. They have one seed. The seed is narrowly oval and 1.5-2 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry forest. In Nigeria it is recorded at 220 and 1,360 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 200 Pouteria species.

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