PLANT FACT SHEET

Pavetta crassipes K. Schum.

GENUS *Pavetta* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Pavetta

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Vegetable

The fruit are eaten raw.
The leaves are used as a spice both raw and cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-6 m tall. The leaves are usually clustered near the ends of branches. The leaves are 30 cm long by 8 cm wide. They are sword shaped. There are 8-11 pairs of side veins. The flowers are crowded and 8-17 cm across. The fruit is shiny and black and 6-8 mm across. The seeds are greyish brown and about 5 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on hillsides. It grows in deciduous woodland and open bush. It is often on rocky outcrops. It grows between 50-1,400 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 400 Pavetta species. They grow in the tropics. The leaves are used in medicine.

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