PLANT FACT SHEET

Rothmannia whitfieldii (Lindl.) Dandy

GENUS *Rothmannia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Rothmannia tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - stimulant

The dried fruit are used in drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 4-9 m tall. The leaves are dark green above and dull underneath. They appear in groups of 3 from the same node. The leaves are oval and 30 cm long. Flowers open at night and have a slight scent. The fruit are green and have lobes. They are 5 cm wide. They are rusty brown when young.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dense forest. It can be in palm groves, along rivers and on the edge of mangroves. It usually grows between 500-2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or by cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic flowers have been recorded in June and September and fruit in March.

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