PLANT FACT SHEET

Searsia gueinzii (Sond.) F. A. Barkley

GENUS *Searsia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Thorny taaibos, Spiny rhus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be up to 6 m tall. It may have many stems and the bark is cracked. The branches are slender and often arch over. It may or may not have spines. The spines can vary. The leaves also vary. They usually have 3 leaflets which are oval. The central leaflet is long. It can be 7 cm long with a bluntly pointed tip. The edges of the leaves normally have teeth. The leaves are paler underneath. The midrib can normally be easily seen on both surfaces. The leaf stalks are usually red and slender. The flowers are small and yellow. The flowers are in loose heads both at the ends of branches and in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round but often slightly lopsided. They are brown. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in scrub forest and on stony ground. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species.

PICTURES



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