PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia huillensis Welw. ex Oliv.

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

COMMON NAMES Granite garcinia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-15 m tall. The branches are spreading, angular and grooved. The leaves are opposite and 5-11 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are broadly oval. They are dark green above and more pale underneath. They have a purple tinge when young. The flowering shoots are usually in the axils of the leaves but occasionally at the ends of branches. They are yellowish-green. Flowers can be male or female or have both sexes. The fruit is a berry 2-2.5 cm across. It is round and yellow or orange when ripe. There are 1-3 seeds. The seeds are curved and 10 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands. It grows in forests near rivers. In Malawi it grows between 600-1,750 m altitude. It grows in the savannah.

NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species. This one is very similar to Garcinia buchananii.

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