PLANT FACT SHEET

Lacmellea edulis H. Karst.

GENUS *Lacmellea* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Edible lacmellea, Milky lacmellea, Thorny lacmellea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium sized tree. It grows 9 m tall. The trunk can be 25 cm across. The trunk is spiny. It has milky sap. The leaves have short stalks. They are oblong and taper to the tip. The flowers are white and in dense groups in the axils of leaves. They have a long slender tube. The fruit are round and orange or yellow. They are 2 cm long. The fruit are like plums and are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the lowland Amazonian rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds.

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