PLANT FACT SHEET

Maerua schinzii Pax

GENUS *Maerua* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Ringwood tree, Bead maerua

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - drink, Leaves, Roots

The fruit are ground to a pulp and mixed with water to make a drink. The fruit are sweet.
The leaves are eaten raw.
The root is boiled or roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 3-7 m high. It has a dense rounded crown. The bark is smooth and can be whitish grey or reddish brown. The leaves are 4-6 cm long and 2-3 cm wide. They are oval. The flowers are white or cream. The fruit are long narrow capsules. They are constricted between the seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on dry sandy or stony soils. It grows on alkaline soils. It can grow in arid places.

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