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Ceriscoides turgida (Roxb.) Tirveng

GENUS *Ceriscoides* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Shoots, Vegetable

The ripe fruit are eaten. They are cooked and used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 8 m tall. It has spines. The leaves are opposite and clasp the stem. The leaves on lower branches are smaller and on higher branches are 4-9 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are thick and papery. The flowers have 5 parts. They are white and turn yellow with age. The fruit is a round berry 5 cm long by 4 cm wide. It has many seeds in a fleshy pulp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry deciduous forests in the Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower and fruit November to March in India.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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