PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Gymnosporia ovata (Walp.) M.A.Lawson

GENUS *Gymnosporia* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. The flowers are white and spiny. The fruit are reddish.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in savannah regions.

NOTES

Probably edible. It has anticancer properties.

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