PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros pubescens Pers.

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES South African star apple, South African persimmon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows up to 10 m high. It has several stems. The bark is dark and peels off in long narrow strips. The leaves are narrowly oval. They are stiff and thickly leathery. They are small and 3.5 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. The leaves are felted underneath. The flowers are creamy white to pink. They hang down. There are 4 varieties. The fruit are round and velvety. They turn red to black as they ripen.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in gravelly or stony soil. It grows along the coast. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 150-200 mm. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The berries can be picked green and ripened after harvest.

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