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.

Quassia africana (Baill.) Baill.

GENUS *Quassia* **FAMILY** Simaroubaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Wood, Root

The wood is used as a tonic.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 4 m high. All parts of the plant are very bitter. The bark is greyish green. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 5-7 opposite leaflets. These are 5-20 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. The end leaflet is largest. The flowering shoots are at the end and are 12-20 cm long. The flower petals are white to yellow with a pinkish tinge.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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