PLANT FACT SHEET

Hypericum revolutum Vahl.

GENUS *Hypericum* **FAMILY** Hypericaceae

COMMON NAMES Curry bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

The leaves are used as a condiment or spice.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4-6 m high. It can grow up to 15 m high. The leaves are opposite ad crowded near the ends of branches. They are 20 mm long by 5 mm wide. They are green and do not have stalks but clasp the stems at the base. The flowers are at the ends of the branches and occur singly. They are bright yellow and 5 cm across. The fruit is a red-brown capsule. They are 13 mm long by 10 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain bushland. In Zimbabwe it grows between 1,400-2,593 m above sea level. It is often along streams and in mountain grasslands.

NOTES

Also put in the family Clusiaceae.

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