PLANT FACT SHEET

Burasaia madagascariensis DC.

GENUS *Burasaia* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - spice

The leaves are used for an aromatic bitter in beer production.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or climber. The leaves are alternate and have 3 leaflets. The leaf stalk is 7-14 cm long. It is swollen and bent near the end. The leaflets are up to 10 cm long. It is wedge shaped at the base and tapers to the tip. The flowers are of one sex. The fruit are oval and fleshy. It is 2 cm long. There is one seed. The fruit are yellow or orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow in humid and dry forests. It grows from sea level to 1,600 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 5 Burasaia species. It is used in medicine.

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