PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Schmaltzia ovata* (S. Watson) F. A. Barkley

**GENUS** *Schmaltzia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Sugar bush, Sugar sumac

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves - tea

The pulp of the fruit is sucked for the juice on its surface.
The sweet white sap on the fruit is used as an acid flavouring or a sugar substitute.
The leaves are boiled to make tea.

## DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 3-4 m tall. It has a short trunk and spreading branches. The leaves are dark glossy green. The flowers are small and in tightly grouped clusters.

## HABITAT

A Mediterranean climate plant. It can tolerate drought and frost once established. It grows up to 800 m above sea level.

## NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species.

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