PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythroxylum monogynum Roxb.

GENUS *Erythroxylum* **FAMILY** Erythroxylaceae

COMMON NAMES Red cedar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The young leaves are shoots are eaten. They are used in curry.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 7 m tall. The bark is thick, rough and dark brown. The leaves are wedge shaped and 3-5 cm long. They are dull. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves. They are usually in groups of 1-4. The flowers are small and white or pink. The fruit is bright red and has one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry evergreen forests. It grows up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India is flowers and fruits throughout the year.

NOTES

There are about 250 Erythroxylum species.
The leaves have been shown to protect the liver.

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