PLANT FACT SHEET

Crateva greveana Baill.

GENUS *Crateva* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Greve's caper, Greve's garlic pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are boiled leaves are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It loses its leaves during the year. The trunk has low branches. The bark is smooth and can have corky dots. The leaves are compound. The leaves are arranged alternately along the twigs. The leaves have 3-7 oval or sword shaped leaflets. These are 5-27 cm long by 3-10 cm wide. They are light green and taper to the base. The sides are slightly unequal. The flowers are in clusters and 5 cm wide. The fruit are oval or round and slightly woody. They are 6-15 cm long. The seeds are kidney shaped.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in humid and dry scrubland and forests. It grows from sea level to 500 m above sea level.

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