PLANT FACT SHEET

Brucea guineensis G. Don

GENUS *Brucea* **FAMILY** Simaroubaceae

COMMON NAMES Gbabele

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The stem is about 10 cm across. The twigs have some hairs. The leaves have 4-6 pairs of leaflets. The leaves are 1 m long. The flowers are red and in long panicles 40 cm long. They are of one sex. The fruit is large. It is 40 cm long by 10 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in clearings in the lowland rainforest. It suits humid locations. It is often near rivers. It grows from 1 m to 1,200 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is used in medicine and is becoming a plant at risk.

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