



PLANT FACT SHEET

Dovyalis lucida T. R. Sim

GENUS *Dovyalis* FAMILY Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Glossy dovyalis, Glossy sour cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten. They are sour.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows to 7 m high. It can be 15 m high. The bark is grey and cracked. The branches usually do not have spines. The leaves are broadly oval. They are 2.5-8 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are dark green and very glossy above and paler and dull underneath. The leaf tapers to both ends and the edges can have irregular teeth. The leaf stalk is 3 mm long. The flowers are very small and greenish-yellow. They can occur singly or in groups or 2-7. Flowers only last for a short time. The fruit is round and fleshy. They are 1-1.5 cm across. They are covered with dense sort hairs. Fruit are bright orange-red when mature. They grow in older branches. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at medium altitudes in Southern Africa in evergreen forest. It can grow to sea level.

NOTES

There are about 22 *Dovyalis* species. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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