



PLANT FACT SHEET

Trichilia capitata Klotzsch

GENUS *Trichilia* FAMILY Meliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 3-15 m tall. The leaves are compound with 4-6 pairs of opposite leaflets. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk and one at the end. The leaves are hairy. The leaflets are 11.5 cm long by 5 cm wide. The flowers are in dense groups in the axils of leaves. The flowers are 3-4 mm long and white. The fruit is a capsule about 1.5 cm across. It is round. The seeds are dull dark red. They have an orange fleshy layer around them.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows along streams and sometimes on termite mounds. It grows at low altitude. It can grow in arid places.

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