PLANT FACT SHEET

Kirkia tenuifolia Engl.

GENUS *Kirkia* **FAMILY** Kirkiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots - water, Bark - moisture

The swollen roots are chewed to quench thirst.

DESCRIPTION

It is a deciduous tree. It grows up to 8 m high. The bark is smooth or slightly cracked and dark grey. There are root tubers. The leaves are on short shoots. There are 5-9 leaflets and the base is wedge shaped. They are 1-3 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowers are greenish cream and in groups 3-7 cm long. The petals are 3-5 mm long. The fruit are narrowly oval and pink. They are 10-12 mm long by 6-8 mm wide. They are four angled.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry soils in shrubland. It grows between 200-800 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

It is also put in the family Simaroubaceae.

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