PLANT FACT SHEET

Keetia venosa (Oliv.) Bridson

GENUS *Keetia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Raisin-fruit keetia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or climber. It grows 2-7 m tall. The young branches can have rusty coloured hairs. The leaf blades are 5-14 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and taper to the tip. There are 5-9 main pairs of side veins. There are 20-70 flowers in a group. These are made up of 4-5 flower parts. The fruit are 8-11 mm long by 11-15 mm wide. They are black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the understorey in evergreen forest. It also grows along rivers. It can be on Kalahari sand and termite mounds. It can grow on sandy soil. It grows between 50-1,525 m altitude.

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