

Grewia cyclea Capuron

Latabarika

Common forest tree.



Description

Stature: basal sweep often marked.

Size: medium-size.

Bark: rough bark that flakes off revealing some smooth patches.

Leaves: oboval to circular to 7 x 12 cm with long petiole (to 5cm). Three main veins at base.

Flower: hermaphrodite in inflorescences.

Fruit: small and round. Indehiscent 1-4 lobed drupe.

Seed:

Tiliaceae

Striking features

- oboval to circular brown leaves conspicuous on forest floor in November.

- basal sweep.



Ecology

Status and distribution: large Old-world genus contains ca. 86 spp in Madagascar.

Habitat requirements:

Phenology: deciduous.

Kirindy: In Kirindy, on intermediate (red & yellow) soils.

Reproduction:



Uses

When fresh the wood is foul smelling. Wood is easily worked and widely used in cabinet-making.

Sources and further information

General:

Botanical description: Abraham (1991) p 53, Schatz (2005) p 245.

Forestry: Grisa (1987)

Kirindy: Anon. (1993) no. 45.

Herbarium specimen:

