

Planchonella cinerea

Chêne gris

Famille : Sapotacées



This very beautiful tree of the dry forests can reach 10-12m of height. Its bark is greyish and longitudinally cracked.

Its juvenile leaves, very elongated with a red vein, are quite different from the adult leaves which have a more classical shape, shiny on top and covered with a grey powder on the bottom.



Its white flowers, discrete, are solitary or grouped by two in the axils of the leaves. The fruits, dark brown to black, have a globular shape (about 12mm long). Each fruit contains 2 to 4 light brown, slightly flattened seeds.

Virtues

Ecology

- Fruits eaten by the *Zosterops* spp. and the green pigeons which disseminate seeds
- Used for the restoration of dry forests



Traditional uses

- Hardwood used for the posts of the huts, the palisades of chieftaincies, sculptures, doorframes



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