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**Names*****Trichoscypha acuminata* Engl. [family ANACARDIACEAE]****Uses**

fruit Food: general fruit Drink: sweet, milk substitutes bark Medicines: generally healing bark Medicines: pain-killers bark Medicines: arthritis, rheumatism, etc. bark Medicines: pulmonary troubles bark Medicines: laxatives, etc. bark Medicines: vermifuges bark Medicines: genital stimulants/depressants bark Medicines: menstrual cycle bark Medicines: pregnancy, antiabortifacients bark Medicines: small-pox, chicken-pox, measles, etc.

**Description**

A tree to 20 m tall with a straight bole, but up to 1 m girth, with a few branches, of the humid forest in S Nigeria and W Cameroons, and extending to Zaïre.No usage is recorded in the Region.In Gabon the bark of this species, and of other *Trichoscypha* spp. of close affinity, is used as a remedy against constipation in infants (3). In Congo a bark-decoction is used to wash small-pox pustules and to bathe rheumatics. It is given to women to treat sterility and dysmenorrhoea, and for haemorrhage during pregnancy. A decoction is also used in steam baths and in frictions of the legs for bronchial affections, headache, feverish stiffness, pains in the sides or stomach, as a vermifuge and an aphrodisiac (1).A trace of saponin is reported present

in the bark, and tannin in the bark and roots (2).The fruit-pulp is edible and has a vinous taste (3). The fruit-juice is pleasant to drink. In Congo the fruit is given to convalescents and to anaemic persons as a tonic (1).

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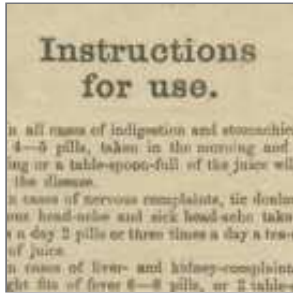
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