



Flowering Trees

Canthium parviflorum Lam. of Rubiaceae is a large shrub that often grows into a small tree with conspicuous spines. Leaves are simple, in pairs at each node and are shiny. Inflorescence is an axillary few-flowered cymose fascicle. Flowers are small (less than 1 cm across), 4-merous and greenish-white. Fruit is ellipsoid, 1.15cm and is edible when ripe.

C. parviflorum is one of the commonest species of the scrub jungle that often forms impenetrable thickets.