

Jasminum floribundum

Oleaceae

Indigenous

Ar: *Yasimum*

Tg: *Habi-tselim*

Ecology: A low shrub distributed from Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan into Uganda and Kenya in upland bushland, on open hillsides and savannah bush. In Eritrea, it is found in the central and northern highlands and eastern escarpments in association with *Dodonaea angustifolia* and *Euclea schimperi*, e.g. around Semenawi-bahri and Debubawi-bahri, Dbarwa and Wogret, 1,300-2,400 m.

Uses: **Firewood, washing pots for brewing local beer** (*sewa*), medicine (fruits), bee forage.

Description: A low shrub or scrambler to 3 m with many slender, hairy branches. **BARK:** Brown, reticulate, scaly. **LEAVES:** **Opposite**, compound, **usually 5-7 leaflets**, each long oval 2-5 cm, the central leaflet longer than the laterals, which are **one-sided** at the base, leaflets stalked. **FLOWERS:** **Fragrant**, 3-7 flowers together, each **white-yellow tubular to 2 cm, pink-red outside**. **FRUIT:** Black rounded berries, to 8 mm across, sometimes 2-lobed.

Propagation: Seedlings, wildings.

Seed:

treatment:

storage:

Management:

Remarks: An infusion of the fruits acts as a purgative.

