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Noronhia emarginata

[Synonyms : *Noronhia binia*, *Noronhia chartacea*, *Olea emarginata*]

MADAGASCAR OLIVE is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to Madagascar it has olive-like, purple fruit.

It is also known as Noronhia.

Emarginata means ‘with a shallowly notched tip’.

The olive-like fruit are eaten locally and have a taste reminiscent of lychee (*Litchi chinensis*).

The plant is cultivated occasionally.

It was introduced to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in 1882.