PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Filicium decipiens (Wight & Arn.) Thwaites

GENUS *Filicium* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese fern tree, Fern-leaf tree

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-25 m tall. It has a round crown. The leaves are compound and large. They have 12-16 leaflets. Each leaflet is 10 to 15 cm long and narrow. The flowers are small and white. The fruit is fleshy and 1 cm across. They are oval, purple and shiny.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It needs full sun. It cannot tolerate frost. It is best in a well drained alkaline soil. In India it grows in dry evergreen forests up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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