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Helicia excelsa (Roxb.) Blume

GENUS *Helicia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6-20 m tall. The trunk can be 25 cm across. The bark is dark grey. The leaves are alternate and simple. The flowering stalks bear up to 3 reddish brown flowers. The fruit are bluish black. It is 3 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dense forests on plains up to 1500 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 90 Helicia species mostly in SE Asia with some in N Australia.

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