PLANT FACT SHEET

Dillenia turbinata Finet et Gagnepain

GENUS *Dillenia* **FAMILY** Dilleniaceae

COMMON NAMES Five-branched fruit

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also cooked as a sour flavouring with fish.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 30 m high. It has a velvety coating. The leaves are alternate. The are broadly oval and 15-30 cm long by 8-12 cm wide. They have teeth towards the tip. The flowers occur singly and are yellow. They are 10-13 cm across. The fruit is 4-5 cm across. They are dark red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows in the mountain areas in China near Vietnam. It grows in mixed evergreen forests and wet places in valleys between 700-1,000 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 60 Dillenia species.

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