PLANT FACT SHEET

Fraxinus angustifolia Vahl

GENUS *Fraxinus* **FAMILY** Oleaceae

COMMON NAMES Narrow-leaf ash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - spice, Manna

The fruit are used in a spice mixture.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 20-30 m tall. The trunk us 1.5 m across. It loses its leaves during the year. The bark is smooth and grey. It becomes cracked on old trees. The buds are pale brown. The leaves are in opposite pairs and are 15-25 cm long. There are 3-13 leaflets along the stalk. These are 3-8 cm long by 1.1.5 cm wide. The fruit is 3-4 cm long. The seed is 2 cm long. It has pale brown wings.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Arboretum Tasmania.

NOTES

There are about 70 Fraxinus species.
It has become a weed in some parts of Australia.

PICTURES



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