PLANT FACT SHEET

Baccaurea courtallensis (White) Muell.-Arg.

GENUS *Baccaurea* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Mootapalam

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. It is the fleshy layer around the seeds (aril) that is eaten. They are acid. They are used as an alternative to tamarind. They are also used for pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. The leaves are narrowly oval and taper to a short point. Plants are separately male and female. The flowers are hairy. The fruit are bright red. They are 2.5 cm across. They are produced along the trunk.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs between 300-900 m above sea level. It is in areas with a temperature between 16°-30°C and a rainfall of 150-200 cm. It grows in tropical wet evergreen forest.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India plants flower and fruit January to June.

NOTES

There are about 80 Baccaurea species.

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