PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros buxifolia (Blume) Hiern

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Peacock ebony tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are edible but dry.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20-30 m tall. The trunk can be 70 cm across. The leaves are papery. They are dull green underneath and can be hairy. They are 1-5 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The base of the leaves is wedge shaped. The male flowers are in groups of 5 and the female flowers occur singly. The fruit are oval and 2 cm long. The seeds are dark brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level. It grows in wet and dry evergreen forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds. They can also be grown by air-layering.

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