PLANT FACT SHEET

Meiogyne cylindrocarpa (Burck) Backer

GENUS *Meiogyne* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Gurrumu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten. The fruit have the taste and texture of custard.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4-8 m high. It spreads 3-5 m wide. The trunk can be 30 cm across. The crown is open but bushy. The young growth has brown hairs. The leaves are 3-8 cm long by 1-2.5 cm wide. They are oval. The leaves are thin and papery. They are yellowish-green and shiny above. They are dull underneath. They taper to the tip. The flowers are 2-3 cm across. They are green or yellow. They have a scent. They occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit are in clusters or 2-6. They are 1.5-3 cm long by 0.8-1 cm wide. They are like cylinders. The fruit turn orange or red when ripe. They are soft and succulent. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in monsoon forests. It can be on rocky sites. It needs a sunny location and a well drained soil. It grows up to 300 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed. It may also be able to be grown from cuttings of firm young growth.

NOTES

There is only one or possibly 2 Polyaulax species.

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