PLANT FACT SHEET

Clausena sanki (Blanco) Merrill

GENUS *Clausena* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Spice, Fruit, Leaves

The leaves provide an anis-like odour used in the preparation of alcoholic drinks. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.
The fruit are eaten fresh. The fruit are also used for jam.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree 3 to 6 m high. The leaves are alternate and 20 to 30 cm long. They are compound with 7 to 11 leaflets with sides of unequal lengths. They are pointed at the tip and 5 to 11 cm long. They have a toothed edge. The leaves have a smell when crushed. The flowers are greenish white, smell and are 8 mm across. They are borne in loose irregular flower arrangements 15 to 20 cm long. The fruit are round and pale yellow. They are 1-1.4 cm across. There are 1-4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are widely distributed in some places in the Philippines. They occur from northern Luzon to Bataan and Mindanao in forests at low and medium altitudes. It grows in rainforests and up to 1,500 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 23-30 Clausena species.

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