PLANT FACT SHEET

Afzelia xylocarpa (Kurz.) Craib

GENUS *Afzelia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Rosewood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

The young seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 30 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The trunk is stout and up to 1 m across. The crown is rounded. The tree is usually divided near the base into large spreading branches. The bark is pale grey and slightly rough. The leaves are 18-25 cm long with 3-5 pairs of opposite leaflets. These are 5-9 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. The flowers are about 3 cm across and in branched clusters at the ends of the twigs. They have bright green sepals and one bright red petals. The fruit is a pod 12-20 cm long by 7-9 cm wide and dull brown. It split into 2 sections with 2-4 seeds. The seeds are black with a fleshy orange coat.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 100-650 m above sea level in areas with a uniform rainfall. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are 15 Afzelia species. They occur in the tropics. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

PICTURES



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