PLANT FACT SHEET

Cinnamomum oliveri Bailey

GENUS *Cinnamomum* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Oliver's bark, Iron Range Cinnamonwood, Oliver's Sassafras

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark, Spice

The bark is used as a spice.

DESCRIPTION

A large bushy tree. It grows 15-30 m tall. It can spread 5-12 m wide. The leaves are narrow and sword shaped. They are shiny green on top and paler or bluish underneath. They are 7-18 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The leaves are wavy along the edge. New growth is red. The flowers are cream or white. They are like tubes and softly hairy. They are about 0.5 cm long. They occur in panicles at the ends of stems. The fruit is oval and 0.8 cm long. The calyx is fleshy.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate to tropical climates. It grows in the rainforests in Queensland and New South Wales. It requires well-drained soil and plenty of moisture. It does best in light shade. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 1100 m altitude. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed which must be sown fresh. The fruit are first soaked and the flesh removed before planting the seed. They germinate in 24-40 days.

NOTES

There are about 250 Cinnamomum species.

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