PLANT FACT SHEET

Endiandra pubens Meisner

GENUS *Endiandra* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy Walnut, Boomban

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds, Nuts

The fruit are roasted, husked, ground into flour, then leached before eating.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 10-25 m high. It spreads 6-12 m across. It has a spreading canopy. The leaves are oval and smooth. They are shiny green above and have rusty hairs underneath. They are 7-20 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. New growth is reddish. The flowers are bell-shaped and white. They are 0.3 cm across. They are in small panicles 2-4 cm long in the axils of the upper leaves. The fruit is round and red. It is 4-8 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in warm temperate to tropical regions. It needs well drained soil. It does best with light shade. It grows in rainforests in Queensland and New South Wales in Australia.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed or cuttings. To grow from seed, remove the flesh and crack the hard seed coat. Seedlings are very slow to germinate. Cuttings are also slow to grow.

NOTES

There are about 30-100 Endiandra species.

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