PLANT FACT SHEET

Mischarytera lautereriana (Bailey) Turner

GENUS *Mischarytera* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Corduroy tamarind

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril

The fleshy layer around the seed can be eaten while fresh. It can be used to make jam.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 30 m high. It spreads 6-8 m wide. The young shoots are sticky and bright red. The leaves are compound. The leaflets are alternate and along the stalk and have wavy edges. The leaflets occur as 8-16 leaflets which are 6-15 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The leaflets can have fine teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and white. The fruit are 2-4 cm across. They hang in bunches. They can be in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The aril or layer around the seed is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in highland rainforest in Queensland Australia. In the Queensland tropics it grows between 150-1200 m altitude. It requires well drained soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed. They are difficult to grow from cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants can be slow growing while young.

NOTES

There are 3 Mischarytera species.

PICTURES



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