PLANT FACT SHEET

Dillenia reifferscheidtia Fern.-Villar

GENUS *Dillenia* **FAMILY** Dilleniaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and used for jam or sauce.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 11 m tall. The trunk can be 60 cm across. The leaves are alternate, smooth and very large. They are narrowly oval and 15-40 cm long by 10-30 cm wide. The leaf stalks have wings. The flowers are very large, white and showy. They can occur singly or as 2-3 together. The flowers are 7.5 cm across. The fruit are green and fleshy. It is like a flattened berry and 3.5 cm long by 6 cm wide. There are 5 seed in a section. The edible portion is green, juicy and acidic. The seeds are black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur mostly at medium altitudes in the Philippines and are very common from central Luzon to southern Mindanao. It grows up to 200 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. It can also be grown from cuttings of mature branches.

NOTES

There are about 60 Dillenia species.

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