PLANT FACT SHEET

Barringtonia calyptrocalyx K. Schum.

GENUS *Barringtonia* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Salt

It has previously been used to extract salt by leaching the ash out of the leaves and bark.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3-6 m tall. It only has a few branches. The leaves are on the upper part of the stem. The leaves are large. They are 79 cm long by 24 cm wide. They taper to the base. They are dark green above and more pale underneath. The flowers are a deep red. The fruit are green and mature to orange and 3 angled. They are round to oblong and 5 cm long by 4.5 cm wide. The seed is 4 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. It occurs in a spongy pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It occurs in Central Province in Papua New Guinea and the Sepik. It grows in forests near streams.

NOTES

Barringtonia calyptrocalyx may be separate from Barringtonia boridiensis.

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