PLANT FACT SHEET

Omphalea papuana Pax & K. Hoffm.

GENUS *Omphalea* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Papua nuts

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A vine. It can grow 30 m tall. The stem can be 8 cm across. The sap is red. The leaf blades re 13-25 cm long by 9-17 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 7-14 cm long. There are 2 glands near the base of the leaf. It has modified flower parts that act as tendrils. The flowers are in a branched panicle. There are more male flowers than female. The male flowers are 3 mm across and the female flowers are 5-6 mm across. The fruit is about 6 cm across. It is orange and has 3 angles. The seeds are round and 2.5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows at low altitudes from sea level to about 50 m above sea level in Cape York in Australia. It grows at higher altitudes in Papua New Guinea. It occurs at Bulolo at 700 m. It grows in rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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