PLANT FACT SHEET

Cochlospermum vitifolium (Willd.) Spreng.

GENUS *Cochlospermum* **FAMILY** Bixaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild cotton tree, Silk cotton tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flower stamen, Spice

The stamen of the flowers are used as a saffron substitute.
The sap is used to make a beer like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 6-15 m tall. The trunk is 20-50 cm across. It loses its leaves during the year. The flowers are yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry tropical forest. It needs a well drained soil and sunny position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be easily grown from cuttings. It can form a hedge. It can be grown from seeds,

PICTURES



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