PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Xylopia discreta (Linn.f.) Sprague & Hutch.

GENUS *Xylopia* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Spice

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 30 m tall. Young shoots have a coating. The leaves are sword shaped and 2-6 cm long. They taper to the tip and are wedge shaped at the base. There are 1-3 flowers in the axils of leaves. The fruit are 12-14 mm long. The seed is 5-8 mm.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist coastal regions along rivers.

NOTES

Medicine.

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