PLANT FACT SHEET

Archidendron havilandii (Ridley) Nielsen

GENUS *Archidendron* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pods, Seeds

The young fruit are edible after burning.
The seeds are boiled and then eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It can grow up to 40 m high with a 15 m trunk which is 75 cm across. The small branches are round or slightly angular. They are brown and hairy towards the ends. The leaves are compound leaves with the axis 1.5-4.5 cm long. This has 1 pair of first leaflets 2.5-8 cm long with 1-2 pairs of leaflets each and these leaflets are 6-22 cm long by 3-12 cm wide. The base of these leaflets can vary from equal and round to unequal and tapering. The flower clusters are at the ends of branches. They have dense rust coloured hairs. The flower heads are 25 cm long by 10-20 cm across. These are made up of 5-12 flowers with very short stalks. The flowers can have 3-5 flower parts and have both sexes and a sweet smell. The fruit are pods which are brown on the outside and straight and stiff. They are 16 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are only very slightly constricted between the seeds. Pods split open along both sides. The seeds are brown and 12-35 mm across by 10 mm high.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in lowland rainforest on a range of soils. They mostly occur between sea level and 1550 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees flower throughout the year.

NOTES

There are 90 Archidendron species. Also as Mimosaceae.

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