PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus inodora F.M. Bailey

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Russell River Lime, Large leaf Australian wild lime, North Queensland lime

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have an edible pulp which can be used for drinks or marmalade.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 2-6 m tall and spreads 2-4 m wide. It has a bushy habit. The branches are thorny. There are two spines at the base of the leaf stalk. The leaves are 5-20 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. They are broadly oval and thick and leathery. They are dark green above and paler underneath. The leaves have shallow rounded teeth along the edge. The tip is blunt. The flowers are 1 cm across and white or pink. They grow in the axils of leaves. The flower does not have a smell. The fruit are oval and green. They are 6.5 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are yellow when mature.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and subtropical regions. It occurs naturally in northeast Queensland. It grows in lowland rainforest. It needs well drained soil and a sheltered position. Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed. They can be grown from cuttings on a heat bed but rooting is slow and can take 6 months. They can be budded onto citrus rootstocks. Because the buds are small this takes some skill to be successful.

NOTES

There are 5 Microcitrus species. There are 20 Citrus species. Several hybrids have been formed.

PICTURES



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