PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia spicata (Wight & Arn.) Hook. f.

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 10 m tall. It is a wide spreading tree. The leaves are deep green. The leaves are large and broadly oval. They are 20 cm long. New leaves are coppery pink. The flowers do not have stalks. They are white and waxy and grow on the stems and twigs. The fruit are round and dark green. They turn orange to yellow when ripe. They are 2.5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs a warm humid location. It can tolerate salt spray. It grows up to 1,000 m above sea level. In Rockhampton Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. It is slow growing.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE India plants flower and fruit May to February. In southern India fruit are available March to May

NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species.

PICTURES



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