PLANT FACT SHEET

Sarcotheca glauca (Hook. f.) Hallier f.

GENUS *Sarcotheca* **FAMILY** Oxalidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten in curries.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 21 m tall. The trunk is 30 cm across. It does not have buttresses. The bark is fairly smooth. The leaves are single and 5-11 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are papery. They are dull grey-green underneath. The base is rounded or wedge shaped and there is a short tip. The flowers are in clusters of 1-2 clusters together made up of many flowers. The clusters are 2-13 cm long. They have a rusty coloured covering. The fruit are round or oval and red. There are 2-3 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on mountain ridges and mossy forests up to 2,700 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 11 Sarcotheca species.

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