PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium coarctatum (Blume) Byng, N. Snow & Peter G. Wilson

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant laulau

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows up to 2 m high. It can be 20 m tall. It has 4 sided twigs. The leaves are leathery and 15-25 cm long by 8-12 cm wide. The flowers are white with many stamens. They are 2.5 cm across. They are in the axils of leaves and at the ends of branches. The fruit are pinkish red and 8-15 cm long. They are widest at the centre and narrow to both ends. The flesh is white and has 5 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the understory of less disturbed evergreen forest. In southern China it grows in moist low forests and near rivers between 300-1,200 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from fresh ripe seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly in damp soils.

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