PLANT FACT SHEET

Terminalia complanata K. Schum.

GENUS *Terminalia* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow terminalia, Claudie damson

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The kernels of the fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 55 m tall. The trunk can be 75 cm across. The bark is grey. The leaves are 5-11 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The young shoots and buds at the ends are covered with rusty brown hairs. The flowering shoots are longer than the leaves. The fruit are narrowly oval and flattened. They are 17-22 mm long by 8-10 mm wide. The fruit are red. The seed is 8-12 mm long by 2-3 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 400 m above sea level. It can be up to 1,400 m above sea level. It often grows in swamp forest. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Seeds can take 99-231 days to geminate.

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