PLANT FACT SHEET

Allantoma lineata (Martius ex Berg.) Miers

GENUS *Allantoma* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

COMMON NAMES Skittle Nut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows about 10 m tall. The leaves are narrow or sword shaped and 10-29 cm long by 5-11 cm wide. The edges can be wavy. The fruit is a capsule with a lid. It is cylinder shaped and 7-18 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. It has irregular cracks on the outside. The lid opening is 5-12 cm long. The seeds are long and narrow. They are 5-6 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near the edges of rivers in the Amazon in Venezuela.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are collected from ripe fruit off the tree then dried in the sun to enable the seeds to be removed. Seeds need to be planted fresh, preferably in light shade. Seedlings emerge in 40-50 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow rapidly.

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