PLANT FACT SHEET

Stereospermum fimbriatum (Wall. ex G. Don) DC.;

GENUS *Stereospermum* **FAMILY** Bignoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Lilac padri tree, Snake padri tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-30 m tall. The trunk is straight and 150 cm across. It is slightly fluted. The bark is light grey and cracked and scaly. The leaves are compound with 3-4 pairs of leaflets. These are narrowly oval or oblong and 8-20 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. The base is unequal. They have a long point at the tip. The flowers are bell shaped and 7-8 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They are hairy and have deeply fringed petals. They are lilac and hang down. The fruit is a cylinder shaped pod 37=75 cm long. It is rough, woody and twisted. It hangs from the branches and splits open. The seeds are flat and 2-3.5 cm long. They have wings at both ends.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland and hill forests and on rocky coasts up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or by air-layering.

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