PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyrtophyllum fragrans (Roxb.) DC.

GENUS *Cyrtophyllum* **FAMILY** Gentianaceae

COMMON NAMES Fragrant ironwood tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-25 m tall. It usually has an irregular shape. The trunk is dark brown with deeply cracked bark. The leaves are oval and light green. The flowers are yellow. The flowers unfurl at sunset and have a strong scent. The fruit are red berries.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in poor soils including poorly-aerated and poorly-drained soils. At FRIM in Malaysia.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

It is also put in the Loganiaceae and the Potaliaceae families.
The bark has been used in medicine.

PICTURES



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