PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium calophyllifolium Walp.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Neerodam

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 20 m tall. The bark is dark brown and smooth. The crown is round. The young branches and 4 sided. The leaves are simple and opposite. They overlap at the base. The leaves are 3-4 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are broadly oval. The flowers are in groups and are in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. They are white. The fruit is a dark purple berry. It is oval and 1 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at high elevation in evergreen forests. It occurs between 1,800-2,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India trees are flowering and fruit from February to May.

NOTES

An extract from the seeds is used in medicine for diabetes.

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