PLANT FACT SHEET

Dolichandrone atrovirens (B. Heyne ex Roth) K. Schum.

GENUS *Dolichandrone* **FAMILY** Bignoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Temple flower, Wavy trumpet flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit

The young fruit and flowers are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 2-5 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The young branches are hairy. The leaves are glossy and on drooping boughs. The leaves are compound and 10 cm long. There are leaflets along the stalk. There are 5-7 leaflets. The leaflets are 4 cm long. The flowers are white and large. They are in groups in the axils of leaves. The flowers are 5 cm long and 1 cm wide. The fruit is a capsule 25 cm long. It is brown and ribbed. The seeds have wings.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 9 Dolichandrone species. They grow in coastal mangrove swamps.

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