PLANT FACT SHEET

Trichanthera gigantea (Humb. & Bonpl.) Nees

GENUS *Trichanthera* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant trichanthera

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-25 m tall. The branches are 4 angled. The tips have a brown coating. The leaf stalk is 1-5 cm long and has a channel along it and is slightly hairy. The leaf blade is oval and 13-26 cm long by 6-14 cm wide. It is slightly hairy underneath. The flowers are in a loosely branched group at the ends of branches. This is 3-8 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The fruit capsule is 17-20 mm long by 6-7 mm wide. It has silky hairs. The seeds are 3-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PICTURES



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