PLANT FACT SHEET

Dichapetalum papuanum (Becc.) Boerl.

GENUS *Dichapetalum* **FAMILY** Dichapetalaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

CAUTION: The leaves are poisonous.
The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub up to 2 m tall. A shrub which climbs by attaching by roots from the nodes. Young shoots are hairy. The small branches are angular. The leaves are simple and oval or sword shaped. They are 12 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are bright green with wavy edges. The leaf stalk is 2-3 cm long. The flowers occur in clusters. They are small (0.5 cm across) and cream or green. The fruit are fleshy and orange. They have 1-4 lobes. They are about 1.5 cm long. They are edible.

HABITAT

It grows in hill forest. A tropical and subtropical plant. It needs a sheltered position. It needs a well aerated soil. It suits a shady position. In tropical Queensland it grows between sea level and 1130 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from fresh seed. They can possibly also be grown from cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are slow growing. In Australia the fruit ripen in April to May.

NOTES

There are 200 Dichapetalum species. Most are in Africa.

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