PLANT FACT SHEET

Canarium strictum Roxburgh

GENUS *Canarium* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Black damar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds, Nut

The cover of the ripe fruit are eaten raw and also used for pickles. They can be dried.
The seeds/nuts are also eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 40 m tall. It has buttresses. The bark is hard and has a metallic sound when hit. The bark peels off in rectangle shaped flakes. The tree crown is dense and umbrella shaped. The young leaves are bright red with rusty hairs. The mature leaves are 30-60 cm long and 5-9 cm wide. They have 3-7 pairs of leaflets and one leaflet at the end. The flowers are in clusters 20-30 cm long. The flowers are brownish yellow. The fruit are hard and egg shaped. They are 3-4 cm long. They taper at both ends.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to the eastern Himalayas between 400-1,300 m altitude. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing. In Nagaland fruit are available October to December.

NOTES

There are 80-95 Canarium species. This one has a black resin which burns.

PICTURES



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