PLANT FACT SHEET

Mallotus nudiflorus (L.) Kulju & Welzen

GENUS *Mallotus* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Pindara, False white teak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized deciduous tree. It grows up to 14 m tall. The bark is smooth and pale grey or silvery. The leaves can be 24 cm long. They have a long point at the tip. They are downy at first but become smooth with age. The base if broad and heart shaped. There are 3-5 veins from the base. Male and female flowers are on separate trees. The male flowers are yellow and in spike clusters. They have long stamens. The female flowers are green and occur singly or in twos or threes. The fruit is flattened and a round berry. They are smooth and green and succulent. They are 2.5 cm long by 3 cm wide. The seeds are 1.4 cm long by 8 mm wide. They are black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hot damp places. It suits riverbanks. In Pakistan it grows up to 250 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 2 Trewia species.

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