PLANT FACT SHEET

Pentadiplandra brazzeana Baill.

GENUS *Pentadiplandra* **FAMILY** Pentadiplandraceae

COMMON NAMES Joy perfume tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuberous root, fruit, Leaves, Vegetable, Root - flavouring, Spice

The fruit is rich in a protein sweetener. The fruit pulp is eaten raw.
The roots and leaves are also eaten. The roots taste like horseradish.
Caution: The roots are used in medicine and may contain poison.

DESCRIPTION

A small climbing shrub. It grows 3 m tall. It can be 20 m long. The leaves are 5-15 cm long by 1-8 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. Flowers are white with red or blue spots near the top. The fruit is round and orange-red. It has white specks. The fruit is 3 cm across. The flesh is red and very sweet

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the edges of forest and in grassland.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic plants flower in February and fruit from February to June.

NOTES

There is only one Pentadiplandra species and only one Genus in the Pentadiplandraceae family. The chemical ingredient has been isolated and patented. It is now used in transgenic maize.

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