PLANT FACT SHEET

Gymnacranthera canarica (King) Warb.

GENUS *Gymnacranthera* **FAMILY** Myristicaceae

COMMON NAMES Kanara nutmeg

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - oil

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25 m tall. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The branches are at right angles to the trunk. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaf blade is 11-26 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. Male and female flowers are separate. The female flowers are larger and in groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a round capsule 3 cm across. There is one round seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamps.

NOTES

There are about 120 Myristica species. They grow in the tropics.

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