PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus sphaericus (Gaertn.) K. Schum.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Bead tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The young immature fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 15-25 m tall and spreads 4 m wide. The trunk is erect and stout. The bark is brown or grey and thin. The leaves are narrowly oval. They are 8-17 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers are white and occur in clusters that hang down. These are 4-10 cm long. The fruit are rounded berries. They are 2-3 cm across. They are blue green with a bright green pulp. There is a pitted stone with 2-5 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

Probably Elaeocarpus serratus L.;

PICTURES



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