PLANT FACT SHEET

Afrostyrax lepidophyllus Mildbr.

GENUS *Afrostyrax* **FAMILY** Huaceae

COMMON NAMES Country onion, Garlic bark

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Leaves, Fruit, Bark - flavouring, Spice, Flower, Root

The leaves, bark, flowers, fruit and seeds are used as a spice. They have a garlic like taste. They are used in soups and stews. They help in the preservation of food.
The roots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 30 m high. The trunk is 50 cm across. The leaves are dark green and shiny above and pale green and dull underneath. Underneath it has very small white scales. The leaves are oval and rounded at the base and tapering to the tip. They are arranged alternately. The plant smells like onion or garlic.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in secondary rainforest. It suits humid locations.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Central African Republic flowers have been recorded in February and March.

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