PLANT FACT SHEET

Brachychiton megaphyllus Guymer

GENUS *Brachychiton* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Red flowered kurrajong

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Tap root

The seeds are roasted and eaten. The roasting in hot ashes removed the irritant hairs.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-6 m tall. The leaves are large and simple. They are 11-30 cm long by 14-25 cm wide. The leaves are round and hairy. They are arranged alternately. It loses its leaves during the dry season. It develops flowers are fruit while it is leafless. It has a carrot shaped taproot. The flowers are red and have 5 or 6 petal like segments. They are 3-4 cm long. The fruit are 8-12 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They are oblong and have dense brown hairs. The fruit split open. There are many hairy yellow seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in savannah and open forests in the Northern Territory, Australia. It is best in full sun.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Plants can re-grow after fire.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It produces seeds after about 11 years. Trees live for about 20 years.

NOTES

There are about 30 Brachychiton species. Most are in Australia.
Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

PICTURES



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