PLANT FACT SHEET

Allophylus serratus Radlk.

GENUS *Allophylus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Tanalika

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It grows 3 m high and spreads 2 m wide. The stem is erect and the branches are straggling. The leaves are alternate and have 3 oval leaflets. The leaves are 10 cm long. The flowers are small and in slender spikes. The fruit are oval berries.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It does best in wet, swampy, peaty soils. It needs a protected and partly shaded position. It is sensitive to frost and drought. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India plants fruit July to October.

NOTES

There are 190-200 Allophyllus species. Some say there is just one widely variable species.

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