PLANT FACT SHEET

Garcinia pseudoguttifera Seemann

GENUS *Garcinia* **FAMILY** Clusiaceae

COMMON NAMES Bulu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can be compact or spreading. It grows 4-25 m high. The sap is yellow or pale. The trunk is straight and 30 cm across. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are dark green and oval. They are 6-11 cm long and 10-17 cm wide. They are rough. The leaf stalk is 2-3 cm long and reddish at the base. The flowers have pale yellow petals. The fruit are green but turn red when ripe. The flowers and fruit occur throughout the year. The fruit are 3-5 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. There are 2 flattened seeds. These have 3-4 slight ridges.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to 1,150 m altitude. In Vanuatu it grows to 600 m altitude. It grows in damp soil in the shade of larger trees.

NOTES

There are about 300 Garcinia species.

PICTURES



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