PLANT FACT SHEET

Terminalia melanocarpa F. Muell.

GENUS *Terminalia* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Black fruit, Black damson

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 15 m tall. The leaves are simple and alternate or opposite. The leaves are 5.4-12 cm long and 3-7.5 cm wide. The leaf stalks are 0.5-20 cm long. The flowers are clustered in the axils of leaves. Male and female flowers occur near the tip of these spikes and bisexual flowers near the base. The flowers have 5 sepals and no petals. They are cream or white. The flowers are 5-6 mm long. The fruit is fleshy and green to black. They are 2.3-3.3 cm long by 2-2.4 cm wide. They have a beak. The fruit has wings while it is green. There is one seed that is brown and 2.2-2.5 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and along the edges of rainforest in tropical Queensland. It grows from sea level to 300 m altitude. It can grow along beach fronts. It can tolerate salt spray and wind.

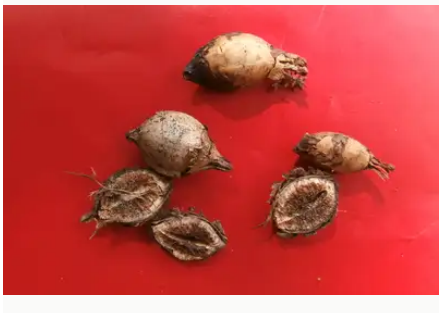
NOTES

There are about 200-250 Terminalia species. They are tropical.

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