PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeoluma schomburgkiana (Miquel) Baillon

GENUS *Elaeoluma* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Schomburgk elaeoluma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It has many branches or a crooked trunk. It grows 8 m high. The bark is pale grey and becomes scaly. The leaves are spaced or in loose clusters or arranged in spirals. The leaves are 2-6 cm long by 1.2-3 cm wide. They are sword shaped. There are 5-7 pairs of secondary veins. The leaf stalk is 1-5 mm long. The flowers are of one sex with the different sexes on separate trees. The flowers occur in tufts of 1-10 flowers. The flowers are pale green to white. The fruit are 1.2-1.4 cm long. They turn purple or black when ripe. The fruit are edible. There is one seed. It is 0.8-1 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in wet savannah and flooded forest as well as on sandy beaches. It grows from sea level to 1300 m altitude.

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