PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus prunifolius Wall. ex Mull.Berol.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are sour.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 10-18 m high. Older trees have slight buttresses. The bark is grey and thin. The leaves are 9-17 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. There are shallow teeth. There are 6-10 pairs of arching side veins. The stalks are 2-4 cm long. They are slightly swollen at both ends. The flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves. They are 4-8 cm long. The fruit are 2 cm long and dark green. There are small cream dots. The fruit turn purple when ripe. The seeds are 1.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In northeastern India it grows up to 1,350 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In northeastern India plants flower and fruit September to November.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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