PLANT FACT SHEET

Alectryon connatum (F. Muell.) Radlk.

GENUS *Alectryon* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Red eye, Bird's eye

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The red aril or fleshy layer around the seed is edible and sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A small bushy tree. It grows 20 m tall. The leaves have up to 6 leaflets. They are shiny green above and pale bluish underneath. They are about 11 cm long. The flowers are small and cream. They are in branched clusters. The fruit are orange-red. They are in branched clusters. They seeds are black and have a red covering over them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near the coast and in dry rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

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