PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Feroniella lucida* (Scheff.) Swingle

**GENUS** *Feroniella* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Wood apple

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves, Fruit, Flowers

The ripe fruit are eaten and give an acid flavour. The fruit is soaked in water for a few minutes before using if it has been dried.
The flowers are also used as a vegetable.
The raw young shoots and leaves are eaten with sour bamboo shoot salad.

## DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 6-15 m tall. The trunk is straight and 20-30 cm wide. It may or may not have thorns. These thorns can be 8 cm long on the branches. The leaves are alternate and 8 cm long. They are compound with a single leaflet at the end. There are 3-4 pairs of leaflets. These are oval and finely irregular along the edge. They have a rough surface and are shiny on the upper surface. They are covered with cottony hairs underneath. The leaflets are 1.5-3.5 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. The leaf stalk is hairy. The flowers can be in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. Flowers have 5 petals. The fruit is rounded with a hard outer cover. It is green with white flesh. There are many seeds inside.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dense forests and secondary undergrowth. It suits the wet tropics. It grows up to 400 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

It can be used as a hedge.

## PICTURES



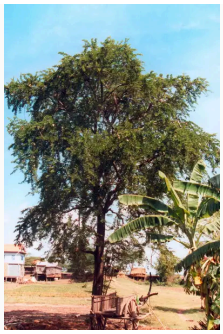
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