PLANT FACT SHEET

Alangium salviifolium (L. f.) Wangerin

GENUS *Alangium* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Sage-leaved Alangium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds, Nuts, Flowers

The ripe fruit are sweet and edible. The pulp is eaten raw. They are also cooked.
The kernel of the seed is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It is often straggling. The bark is thick, grey and fibrous. The branches are slender and usually have thorns. The leaves have short stalks. They are entire and vary in shape. They are 8-15 cm long. They are hairy when young. They become smooth on the top surface. The flowers have short stalks. They are small and greenish-white. They have a sweet scent. They occur singly or in clusters along the twigs. There are 5-10 petals that are narrow and hairy. The fruit is a smooth berry. It is green but turns red or black at maturity. It has a single seed. The fruit pulp is sweet but has an unpleasant taste.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the tropics. In southern China it grows in forests below 1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The fruit are available from April to June in India.

NOTES

There are 17-20 Alangium species. This one is used in medicine.
Also put in the family Alangiaceae.

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