PLANT FACT SHEET

Bauhinia forficata Link

GENUS *Bauhinia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Brazilian orchid tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tea, Flowers

The flower petals and fleshy and sweet and eaten or used as decorations on many dished and added to sweet, jams and jellies.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 12 m tall. There are spines in the axils of the leaves. The leaves are 7-14 cm long by 13 cm wide. They are simple and alternate. The flowers are showy and have 5 petals. The flowers are 10 cm across and white. The fruit are 15 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. They are light brown and become twisted when dry.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds, layering or grafting.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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