PLANT FACT SHEET

Baccaurea papuana F. M. Bailey

GENUS *Baccaurea* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree up to 12 m tall but often only 3-4 m high. The leaves are rather rough and clustered at the ends of the small branches. The leaves are 10 to 18 cm long and 6 to 8 cm wide. The edges of the leaves are wavy and the leaf is tapered towards the base. Flowers form long yellow stalks. These female flower stalks are 15-20 cm long. They have a sweet smell. The fruit hang on a chain (raceme) from the branches and main trunk. The fruit are 4-5 cm across and turn yellow when ripe. Male and female trees occur. The flower gives off a strong smell. The fruit have several seeds inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in several lowland areas from sea level up to 1600 m altitude. They are mainly eaten in Gulf and Milne Bay Provinces of Papua New Guinea. It can grow in sago swamps.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They are both cultivated and grow wild from seed.

NOTES

There are about 80 Baccaurea species.

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