PLANT FACT SHEET

Terminalia triptera Stapf

GENUS *Terminalia* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Kheeaai

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark, Seeds, Nut

It is used in betel quid.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 15 m tall. The bark is white to grey. The small branches are slender and have indented lines along them. The leaves are alternate. They are grouped at the tips of branches. Leaves are green are darker above. They are oval and 4-11 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowering shoots are the ends of branches and in the axils of leaves. There are many flowers in a group and they have a scent. The fruit are green with a red tinge. They can become red to purple when ripe. They are oval and have 3 wings. The fruit are 2-4 cm long by 2 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests and can be from the seashore to the mountains up to 500 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

There are about 200-250 Terminalia species. They are tropical.

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