PLANT FACT SHEET

Dillenia ovata Wallich ex Hook. f. & Thomson

GENUS *Dillenia* **FAMILY** Dilleniaceae

COMMON NAMES Kadah dillenia tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and are popular. They are sour.
The calyx around the fruit is used for flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 6-12 m tall but can be 30 m tall. The trunk is knotted and without branches for 5 m. The trunk can be 100 cm across. The bark is flaky and reddish brown. The leaves are large. They are oval and 10-20 cm long by 7-13 cm wide. There can be teeth along the edge. They have velvety hairs underneath. The flowers are golden yellow. They can be 16 cm across. The fruit are egg shaped and 4-5 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They are pale yellow to reddish when ripe. The seeds are blackish brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mixed evergreen and deciduous forest. It grows up to 1,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 11-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 60 Dillenia species.

PICTURES



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