PLANT FACT SHEET

Santalum ellipticum Gaudich.

GENUS *Santalum* **FAMILY** Santalaceae

COMMON NAMES Hawaiian sandalwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are edible and tasty.

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub or a small tree with several stems. It grows 5-10 m high. It has roots that grow attached to other plants from which is gets nutrients. The leaves are greyish green and 3-6 cm long. They are 2-4 cm wide. They can be leathery or soft. They usually have a fine white powder that can easily be rubbed off. The flowers are green and in compound groups. They have a sweet smell. The fruit are about 1 cm across and have a ring at the top. The fruit are purple to black when ripe. They contain one seed.

HABITAT

It grows in Hawaii near the coastline and on rocky slopes. It can grow up to 950 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

It is an endangered plant.

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