PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium branderhorstii Lauterb.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Lockerbie Satinash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that grows up to 10 m tall. It has a rounded dense crown of leaves. The small branches are round in cross section. The leaves are oblong and thick. They are 14-18 cm long by 6-9 cm wide. They are dark green on the upper surface and paler underneath. The flowers are small and cream to red coloured. They occur in large numbers in clusters on the trunk and larger branches. The fruit is oval and about 4 cm across. It may vary between white to dark purple. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in northern Queensland and in Papua New Guinea. It occurs in the lowland rainforest. It grows up to 100 m above sea level. It grows in drier, more seasonal rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Plants need protection when young. They need plenty of watering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow less quickly in subtropical regions. Flowers are produced September to November and fruit are ripe December to March.

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