PLANT FACT SHEET

Crypteronia paniculata Blume

GENUS *Crypteronia* **FAMILY** Penaeaceae

COMMON NAMES Java crypteronia tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: leaves - condiment, Spice

The young shoots are eaten as a vegetable. They are used to flavour rice.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-20 m tall. It usually branches near the base. The crown is irregular and dense. The branches are reddish brown. The leaves are opposite and have short leaf stalks. They are narrowly oval. The base is rounded or wedge shaped. They taper to the tip. They are light green. They are 7-25 cm long by 3-12 cm wide. The leaf stalk has a furrow on the upper side. The flowering shoots are slender and drooping. They are in the axils of fallen leaves. They are 7-30 cm long and have many flowers. The flowers are pale green or yellow. The fruit are 2-celled capsules. The seeds are very small.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dense forest. It grows from near sea level to 1,500 m above sea level in Java.

NOTES

Also put in the family Crypteroniaceae.

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