PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus grandiflorus J. E. Smith

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Lily of Valley tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 12-17 m high and the trunk is 35-45 cm across. The leaves are oval and 10-13 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The flowers are 2.5 cm long. The petals are jagged and cream coloured. The sepals are bright red. The fruit is oval. They are yellowish-green.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along river banks below 600 m altitude. It grows in evergreen lowland forest. It is best in moist soils near streams. It needs a protected, sunny position. It is damaged by frost or drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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