PLANT FACT SHEET

Terminalia muelleri Benth.

GENUS *Terminalia* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Mueller's damson, Australian almond, Blue Cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are edible but bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree up to 6-10 m tall. The bark is dark grey and rough. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are smooth and broadly oval. They are simple and 5-15 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. They are alternate or clumped together in rings. They are normally near the ends of twigs. There are usually 1 or 2 flat glands at the base of the leaf. The flowers are white and contain both sexes. They occur in loose spikes. The fruit is 12-20 mm long by 8-15 mm wide. They occur in spikes in the axils of leaves. They can hang along stalks. There is one seed inside. The seed is 8-9 mm by 2 mm. The flesh is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in the lowland rainforest in NE Queensland in Australia. It suits monsoonal climates. They favour sunny places. They grow in areas with high summer rainfall. They can be near sea level behind the sand dunes. It grows from sea level to 100 m above sea level. In the Cairns Botanical Gardens. Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by fresh seeds.

NOTES

There are about 200-250 Terminalia species. They are tropical. It is regarded as a weed in Florida.

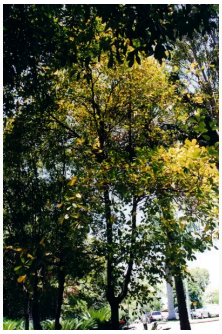
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