PLANT FACT SHEET

Alectryon oleifolius (Desf.) S.T. Reynolds

GENUS *Alectryon* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Bullocky bush, Bullock Rose, Cattle Bush, Minga Bush, Rosewood, Western Rosewood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Buds, Gum, Fruit, Seeds

CAUTION: The leaves contain cyanide.

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium sized tree. It grows to 9 m high. It can have one or several stems. They are crooked. The bark is rough and dark brown. It is deeply cracked. The leaves are alternate and grey-green. They are olive like and 5-10 cm long. They have prominent veins. The leaves have smooth edges. The flowers are small. They are cream and clustered at the ends of stems. The flowers are small and bell shaped without petals. The fruit are made up of 1-4 rounded lobes. Each contains on small black seed. There is red flesh around the seed. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in sandy soils. It suits dry areas. In tropical Queensland it grows between 225-725 m altitude. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. They suit arid regions and can stand frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from root suckers. Seeds germinate under extreme temperatures.
Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings. It can be pruned and shaped.

NOTES

There are 15-34 Electryon species.

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