PLANT FACT SHEET

Potalia amara Aubl.

GENUS *Potalia* **FAMILY** Gentianaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The leaves are opposite and broadly sword shaped. They are 30-70 cm long by 9-18 cm wide. There are many flowers in a group at the ends of the branches. The fruit are green and turn reddish-green when mature. They are 11-15 mm long by 10-15 mm wide. The seeds are dark brown and 4 mm long by 2 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 100 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the families Loganiaceae and Potaliaceae.

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