PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium javanicum Miq.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Wax jambu, Java apple, Wax apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fresh fruit are eaten raw. They are also made into sauce.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that grows 5-15 m tall. It often has branches near the base. The leaves are smooth on both surfaces. It has a short leaf stalk. Fruit are usually green but can be pink or red. White fruited kinds are often seedless while pink fruited kinds can have 1 or 2 seeds. The fruit are pear shaped. The skin of the fruit has a waxy feel. The fruit can be 12.5 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs a fertile soil. In south India it grows to 1200 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed. Seed need to be sown while fresh. Seedless kinds are grown using air layering. Where branches are low to the ground layering in the soil can be used.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees start to produce fruit while still small.

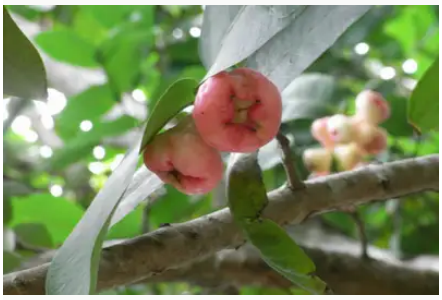
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