PLANT FACT SHEET

Angostura trifoliata (Willd.) T. S. Elias

GENUS *Angostura* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Angostura, Cusparia bark

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - spice, Flavouring

The bark is used to flavour gin and other drinks.
The bark is the source of an extract used to flavour foods. It flavours bitter tonics, baked goods, ice cream, gelatins etc.
Caution: It should not be used in large amounts.

DESCRIPTION

A rainforest shrub. It grows 15 m high and spreads 10 m wide. The bark is smooth and grey. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaves are 30 cm long. The flowers are tube shaped and white with 5 lobes. The fruit are 5 celled capsules. The seeds are round and black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in humus rich soil in part shade. It needs a temperature above 15-18°C.

NOTES

It is used as medicine.
There are 8-10 Galipea species. They grow in tropical America. It is also used to stun fish.

REFERENCES

Brouk, B., 1975, Plants Consumed by Man. Academic Press, London. p 277 (As Cusparia febrifuga)

Brown, D., 2002, The Royal Horticultural Society encyclopedia of Herbs and their uses. DK Books. p 218 (As Galipea officinalis)

Facciola, S., 1998, Cornucopia 2: a Source Book of Edible Plants. Kampong Publications, p 221 (As Galipea officinalis)

Grandtner, M. M. & Chevrette, J., 2013, Dictionary of Trees, Volume 2: South America: Nomenclature, Taxonomy and Ecology. Academic Press p 33

Kermath, B. M., et al, 2014, Food Plants in the Americas: A survey of the domesticated, cultivated and wild plants used for Human food in North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. On line draft. p 66

Morton, (As Galipea officinalis)

Seidemann J., 2005, World Spice Plants. Economic Usage, Botany, Taxonomy. Springer. p 127 (As Cusparia febrifuga)

Trans. Med. Bot. Soc. London 1:25. 1829 (As Galipea officinalis)

Wiersema, J. H. & Leon, B., 2013, World Economic Plants. A Standard Reference CRC Press. 2nd Ed. p 55

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/a2bfa7a2-cd3a-40a8-afb0-6fe6a75cba20