PLANT FACT SHEET

Prasoxylon excelsum Blume

GENUS *Prasoxylon* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Jasmine mahogany tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Flowers, Seeds

The fruit are pickled and eaten.
The young shoots and flowers are eaten as a vegetable. They are boiled.
The seeds are peeled and roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows up to 36 m high. The trunk is straight and can be 80 cm across. It has buttresses up to 3 m tall. It has relatively thick and rigid branchlets. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk. There are an even number of leaflets without one at the end. The leaves are 10-25 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. The flowers are 1 cm across. They are pale cream. They are in clusters 30-100 cm long. Fruit can be 4-5 cm long. They are orange and turn red when ripe. They have 4-5 valves. The seeds have a red coating.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In grows in rain forests in mountain valleys and in evergreen broad-leaved forests between 100-1,000 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics. They are found in forests in the Philippines in Luzon, Palawan, Samar and Panay.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 80-200 Dysoxylum species. They occur in Asia and the Pacific in the tropics.

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