PLANT FACT SHEET

Hexalobus crispiflorus A. Rich.

GENUS *Hexalobus* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows about 25 m tall. The trunk is 1.5 m across. The buds are densely hairy. The leaves are 12-20 cm long and 3.5-7.5 cm across. The leaves are wedge shaped at the base. The leaf stalk is stout and 6 mm long. The flowers are pale yellow. They have a scent. They usually occur singly among the leaves. The fruit are 7.5 cm long and 5 cm across. They are banana shaped. They have 1-4 hard seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows especially along the edges of forests. It is often along rivers banks.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower in February, April and May and fruit August and November.

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