PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus tectorius (Lour.) Poir.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The leaves are oval to oblong. They are 10-24 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. The base is rounded or wedge shaped and they taper to the tip. There are small teeth along the edge. The flowers are in groups 6-16 cm long with 10-25 flowers. The petals are white. The fruit is fleshy. It is 2-3 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. The stone can have 1-5 cells.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In the Himalayas it grows between 200-500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In the Himalayas it fruits in April to June.

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