PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus pullenii Weibel

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The seed is recorded as being eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 30 m tall. The leaves are long (18 cm x 8 cm) and shiny. They are clustered near the ends of twigs. The leaf stalks are long (5 cm) and twigs are bluish. The fruit is large (5.5 cm x 4.5 cm) with a bluish skin. Inside a 3 cornered hard stone has one seed inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in rainforest and near streams. It is known from 700 to 1100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It grows wild.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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