PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus chelonimorphus Gillespie

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Kambi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds, Flowers, Nuts, Seed

The seeds are occasionally eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree 10-20 m high. It has a straight trunk about 30 cm across and is a slender tree. The leaves are oval and vary in size from 9-14 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers are small and green and 1 cm long. The sepals are yellow and the petals green. The fruit are often borne on branches or the trunk. The fruit are yellow and 2-4 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They turn bluish or dull purple when ripe. They have a long fruit stalk 5 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in dense forest. It grows from 30-1323 m altitude in Fiji.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowers and fruit occur throughout the year.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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