



PLANT FACT SHEET

Allophylus timoriensis (DC.) Blume

GENUS *Allophylus* FAMILY Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Green allophylus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree or shrub. It can grow up to 12 m high. The leaves are alternate and have 3 leaflets. The leaf stalk is 3-10 cm long. The leaf blades are narrowly oval and 6-18 cm long. The end leaflet is the largest. The flowers occur as many in branched flower arrangements. These can be 12 cm long. They are at the ends of branches or in the axils of the upper leaves. The flowers are separately male and female but on the same tree. The sexes are mixed in the same flower cluster. The fruit are double and dry. They are orange to red and 7-10 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland forest. It is mostly on the coast but can grow up to 1150 m altitude in Samoa. It grows on atolls.

NOTES

There are 190-200 *Allophylus* species. Some say there is just one widely variable species.

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