PLANT FACT SHEET

Diploglottis smithii S.T. Reynolds

GENUS *Diploglottis* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Smith's tamarind

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Fruit

The fruit are good for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 7-15 m tall and 3-8 m wide. Young shoots have rusty hairs. The leaves are 30-45 cm long. The leaves are compound with 8-12 leaflets. These are 9-20 cm long. The underside of the leaflets has silky hairs. The flower panicles are 10-30 cm long. The flowers are 0.5 cm across and with some hairs. The fruit are 1.5-4.5 cm long by 2-5.5 cm wide. They occur in bunches in the axils of leaves. There are 2-3 seeds which are 1.3 cm long by 1 cm wide. The aril or layer around the seed is red or orange. It is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical and warm subtropical regions. They grow naturally in rainforest in NE Queensland, Australia. It grows from sea level to 670 m altitude. It needs some shade and well drained soil rich in organic matter. Melbourne Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed.

NOTES

There are 8 Diploglottis species.

PICTURES



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