PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus braceanus Watt. ex C.B. Clarke

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or salted.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-15 m high. The bark is brown. The small branches have rusty brown hairs. The leaf stalk is 1-3 cm long. The leaves are dark green above and have rusty brown hairs underneath. The leaves are 10-18 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. They are thin and leathery. The flowers are groups in the axils of fallen leaves. These are 10-15 cm long. The flowers contain both sexes. The fruit are oval and fleshy. They are 4 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. They are yellow. There is one seed about 2 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Yunnan in China it grows between 1000-3000 m above sea level. It grows in subtropical broad-leaved evergreen forest.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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