PLANT FACT SHEET

Arytera lautereriana (F.M.Bailey) Radlk.

GENUS *Arytera* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Corduroy tamarind

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fleshy layer around the seed can be eaten or used to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 15 m tall. The crown is rounded. The young leaves are red. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 25 cm long. There are 4-8 pairs of leaflets. These are 12 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are bright shiny green on both surfaces. The edges are wavy. The flowers are small and white. They are 3 mm across. The fruit is a red capsule 2.5 cm across. It has 3 lobes. There is an angular seed in each lobe and this has a yellow layer or aril around it.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow quickly.

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