PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus lanceifolius Roxb.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

Ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows about 20 m tall. The bark is grey and thin and slightly rough. The leaves are 10-15 cm long and 4-5 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped. The base tapers. They have small teeth along the edge. The flowers are white. They are in clusters behind the leaves. These are 5-17 cm long. The fruit is fleshy with one stone. It is oval and 2-4 cm long. They are green and turn dull red.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Nepal plants grow between 1000-1800 m altitude. In southern China it grows in forests between 2,300-2,600 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE India plants flower and fruit June to December.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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