PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeodendron matabelicum Loes.

GENUS *Elaeodendron* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Condiment cassine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows to 12 m high. The bark is grey and peels off in irregular scales. The branches have 4 lines. The leaf blades are dark green above and greyish green underneath. They are 4-10 cm long and 2-4 cm wide. There are several flowers in a group in the axils of leaves. They are green to yellow. The fruit is fleshy and yellow. It is oval and 13-18 mm long. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry soils. It grows between 425-1,525 m altitude. It can grow in arid places. It grows in woodland and wooded grassland.

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