PLANT FACT SHEET

Aglaia odoratissima Blume

GENUS *Aglaia* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Mock lime, Orchid tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - spice, Fruit - aril, Flowers

The flowers are used to flavour tea.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 12-20 m tall. The trunk is 30 cm across. The bark is smooth and greenish-grey. There are a few long, divided branches. The twigs are slender and covered with scales. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk and one at the end. There are 1-3 pairs of leaflets. The leaves are 10-30 cm long and 5-30 cm wide. There are 3-5 leaflets are that are 5-18 cm long by 1-6 cm wide. They are pale brown underneath. The male flowers are 1.5 mm wide and the flowering cluster is 7-35 cm long by 2-25 cm wide. The female flowering group are narrow and spike like. The fruit are 2 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. They are oval and rounded at the tip and taper to the base. They are orange to red and covered with scales.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forest from sea level to 1,900 m altitude. It often grows along rivers.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Thailand it flowers all year round and mostly fruits January to June.

NOTES

There are about 104 Aglaia species. They occur in Asia and the Pacific.

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