PLANT FACT SHEET

Atalantia monophylla (L.) DC.

GENUS *Atalantia* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian atalantia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The immature fruit are pickled.
The fruit are eaten and also used for making drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 10 m high. It has short spines. The bark is pale brown and smooth. The stems are deeply fluted. The leaves are oval and have a shallow notch at the tip. They are 3-8 cm long. There are 5-7 pairs of side veins. The flowers are white and have 4-5 petals. They are bundled into a tube. They have a scent. They are in simple clusters. The fruit has 4 cells and is 2 cm across. There is one seed. The fruit are like a small orange.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits deep medium acid sandy soils and shallow calcareous soils. It can grow up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seed, cuttings or air-layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India it flowers are fruits throughout the year.

NOTES

The name Atalantia monophylla has probably been conserved and may not be a synonym of the previous.

PICTURES



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