PLANT FACT SHEET

Diploglottis bracteata Leenh.

GENUS *Diploglottis* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Atherton tamarind, Boonjee Tamarind

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 10 m tall. It spreads 3-5 m wide. The leaves are compound. There are 8-14 leaflets and these are 5-23 cm long. New leaves are silvery and older leaves are softly hairy underneath. The fruit are 15-25 mm across. They occur in bunches in the axils of leaves. The fruit capsule has a velvety texture on the outside. It is silky on the inside. There are 3 seeds. These are 4 cm long by 2 cm across. The aril or layer around the seed is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in rainforest in Queensland, Australia. It suits higher altitudes. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 820 m altitude. It can tolerate full sun. It needs well drained soils rich in organic matter.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed which must be sown fresh.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Seedlings are slow growing in their first year.

NOTES

There are 8-10 Diploglottis species.

PICTURES



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