PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhodognaphalon brevicuspe (Sprague) Roberty

GENUS *Rhodognaphalon* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows to 45 m high. The trunk can be 3 m around. It has small buttresses. The trunk is long and straight. The bark is grey-brown. The leaves are compound and like fingers. There are 4-6 leaflets. They are 3-10 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. They are broad or rounded. They have a blunt tip and taper to the base. The leaf stalk is 1.5-5 cm long. The flowers occur either singly or as a few in a cluster. They are white. Petals are 3.5-5 cm long and 1 cm wide. The fruit are broadly oval and 5-8 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They split open in their cup. The kapok inside is brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the forest. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

Also put in the family Bombacaceae. In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

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