PLANT FACT SHEET

Dillenia aurea Sm.

GENUS *Dillenia* **FAMILY** Dilleniaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used as a flavouring.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 20 m high and spreads 5 m wide. The stem is erect and stout. The leaves are large and dark green. They are narrowly oval and have easy to see veins. There are fine teeth around the edge. The flowers are golden yellow. They have 5 petals. They are open and 15 cm across. They are in small clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are oval berries. They are orange and 5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is best in rich, moist, well-drained soil. It needs a protected shaded position. It is damaged by drought of frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 60 Dillenia species.

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