PLANT FACT SHEET

Brachychiton tuberculatus (W. Fitzg.) C. Gardner

GENUS *Brachychiton* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Bush peanut, Bush nut, Largeleaf kurrajong

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized shrub. It grows 2-7 m high and spreads 2-4 m wide. The young shoots are slightly hairy. The leaves are 11-22 cm long by 11-23 cm wide. They are fattened oval shaped or kidney shaped. They are dull green. It flowers in the dry season when the tree is leafless. The flowers are 3-4 cm across and bell shaped. They are cream-green with red blotches. The follicles are 5-7 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They are oval and lumpy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In the Kimberleys in Australia it grows on red sandy soils. It suits arid inland and tropical regions. They need a well drained soil and a sunny position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

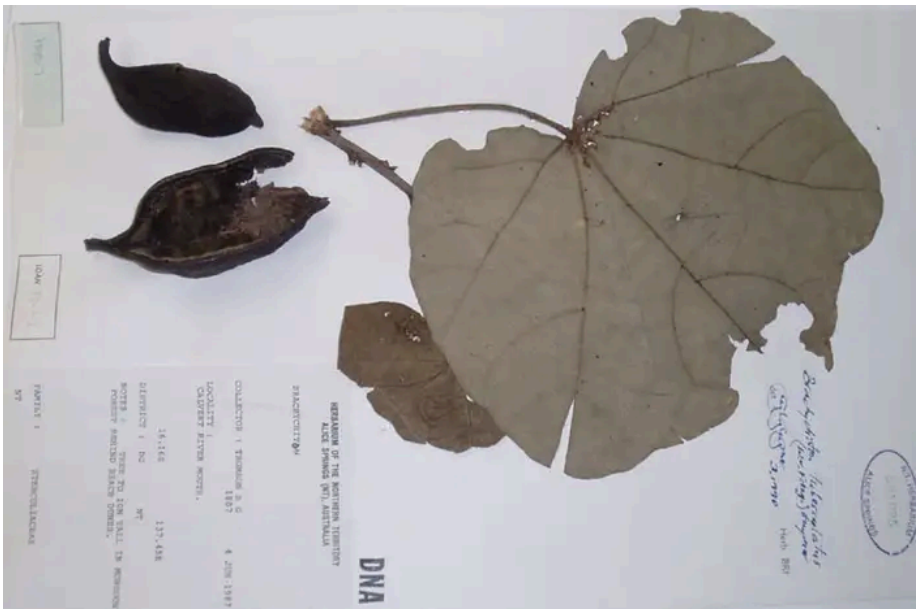
Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are slow growing when young.

NOTES

There are about 30 Brachychiton species. Most are in Australia.
Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

PICTURES



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