PLANT FACT SHEET

Brachychiton garrawayae (Bailey) G. P. Guymer

GENUS *Brachychiton* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are simple and have 3-5 lobes. They are 7-13 cm long by 7-16 cm wide. There are short hairs on top and velvety hairs underneath. The leaf stalks are 2-9 cm long. The flowers are in groups from the branches. There are no petals but 5 sepals. They are fused and pink with a green base and red inside. They are 18-45 mm long. The fruit is a brown follicle. It is 35-65 mm long by 25-30 mm wide. It is densely covered with hairs. There are 9-23 seeds. These are brown with a yellow aril. The seeds are 7-11 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in monsoon and vine forest. They grow in far NE Queensland from sea level to 230 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

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

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