PLANT FACT SHEET

Croton argyratus Blume

GENUS *Croton* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Silver croton tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 13-20 m tall. The trunk is 20-30 cm across but can be larger. The small branches have brown hairs. The leaves are simple and arranged in spirals. The lower surfaces have silvery hairs. The flowers are 4 mm across and greenish-white. The upper flowers are male and the lower flowers female. The fruit are 12 mm across and golden brown. They are capsules that split open. The seeds are small and smooth.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical evergreen broad-leaved forest. It grows in hilly areas below 500 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 750-1200 Croton species. There are 450 in tropical America.

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