PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Ochrosia elliptica Labillardiere

GENUS *Ochrosia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Mangrove Ochrosia, Red Berrywood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

CAUTION: Sap of leaves and fruit considered poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub with a spreading habit. It grows 3-8 m tall. The young plant parts are shiny. The leaves grow in rings of three around the stalk. The leaves are 8-20 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are dark green, shiny and leathery. The flower are short and in the angles of upper leaves. They are 0.8 cm long, have a scent and are white. The fruit are large and colourful. They are 3-6 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are bright red and pointed. Fruit are poisonous. Seeds are about 1 cm across, round and with a wing along them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical rainforest plant. It grows amongst mangrove and coastal scrub. They cannot tolerate frost. It suits hardiness zones 10-11. It is salt tolerant. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed. Seedlings are slow to get established. Plants can be grown from cuttings.

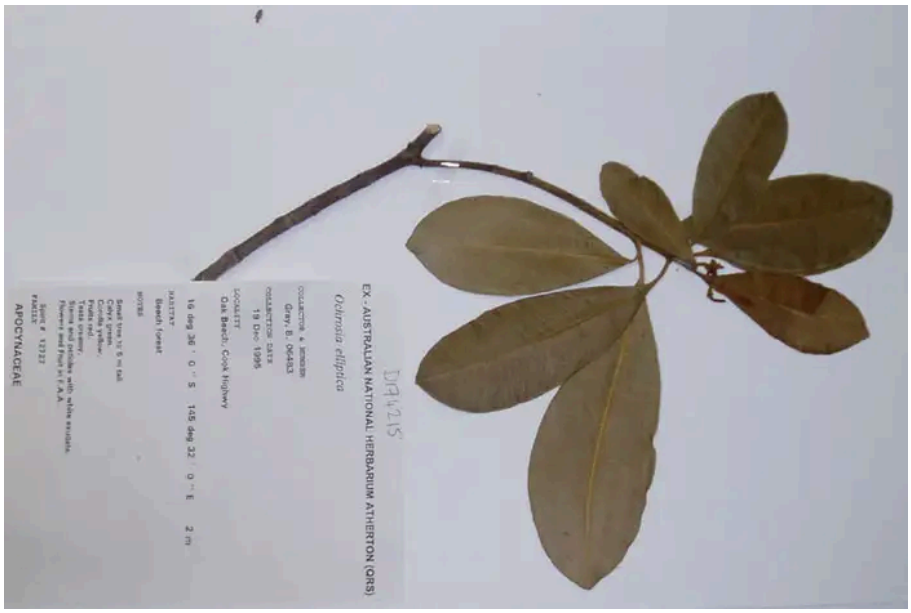
Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

It is used in medicine. There are 21 Ochrosia species. It contains many alkaloids.

PICTURES



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