PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus womersleyi Weibel

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The kernel of the nut is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree up to 34 m tall mostly with buttresses. The leaves are arranged alternatively, are simple and have a toothed margin. The flowers and fruit are in groups on a small branch. The fruit can be up to 10 cm across with green flesh and a stone inside which has a hard corrugated surface. The hard stone has 3 valves and is cracked to release the kernel.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs from sea level up to at least 2400 m altitude but is most common in mid altitude regions. It is common in bush regrowth in old gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It normally grows wild but is occasionally planted from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit production is seasonal probably late August to September.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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