PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea alata (Engl.) Engl.

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading tree. It has many branches. It loses its leaves during the year. It can grow up to 4 m high. The branches are drooping. The bark is dark grey and smooth. The base of the stem often has a thread like growth over it. The leaves are divided into small leaflets. These have blunt teeth near the tip. The leaves are clustered on short shoots. The leaf stalk is often winged. The flowers are on flowering shoots amongst the leaves. They are small and greenish-yellow. The fruit are 2 cm across. They are green but turn orange when ripe. The seeds are green and have a rough surface.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Kenya it grows on rocky hillsides between sea level and 1,200 m altitude. It is in areas with a rainfall between 400-600 mm per year. It suits dry land. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are more juicy with good rains.

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