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Xanthophyllum amoenum Chodat

GENUS *Xanthophyllum* **FAMILY** Polygalaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 35 m high. The trunk is 80 cm across. The leaves are narrowly oval. They taper to the tip. The base is rounded. They are 6-10 cm long by 3.5-5 cm wide. The midrib is sunken above. There are 5-7 pairs of secondary veins. The flowers are white. The fruit are round or occasionally oval and green, brown, orange or yellow. They are 5 cm across. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests. They are usually below 200 m altitude but can grow up to 1400 m.

NOTES

The Xanthophyllums are in the Indomalaysian regions. Many Xanthophyllaceae can accumulate large amounts of aluminium. There are about 100 Xanthophyllum species.

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