PLANT FACT SHEET

Diploglottis campbellii Cheel

GENUS *Diploglottis* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Small-leaved Tamarind

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Fruit

The fleshy red aril can be eaten fresh or made into drinks or jellies.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 10-18 m high and spreads 3-5 m across. The bark is grey-brown and cracked. The young shoots are angular. The leaves are 10-30 cm long. The leaves are spreading and divided into leaflets along the stalk. There are 4-8 leaflets which are 7-15 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped. The flower panicles are 5-16 cm long and with many branches. The flowers are 0.4-0.6 cm across. The flowers are creamy-brown and have a scent. The fruit is a capsule 4-6 cm wide and with 3 lobes. The fruit are hard and yellowish-brown with a red aril around the seeds. This is edible. There are 3 seeds which are about 2 cm across.

HABITAT

It grows in the rainforest. It grows in warm temperate places and will grow in the tropics. It needs well drained soil and light shade. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Geelong Botanical Gardens. Coffs Harbour Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed which must be sown fresh.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Once established plants grow rapidly.

NOTES

There are 8 Diploglottis species.

PICTURES



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