PLANT FACT SHEET

Dillenia scabrella (D. Don.) Roxb. ex Wall.

GENUS *Dillenia* **FAMILY** Dilleniaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers

The ripe fruit are eaten. They have a sour taste. They can be eaten raw or cooked as a vegetable. They are also pickled.
The flowers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 20-30 m tall. The trunk branches early. The crown is spreading. The leaves are 18 cm long and grouped at the very ends of the twigs. The fruit are yellow. They can occur singly or in clusters of 2-7. The fruit is round but flattened. It is 8-10 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dense forest. Trees are usually near river banks. Often they are on sites they are occasionally flooded. They require light and humidity.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees are fast growing. In India plants flower and fruit March to July,

NOTES

There are about 60 Dillenia species.

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