PLANT FACT SHEET

Polyscias cumingiana (C. Presl) Fern.-Vill.

GENUS *Polyscias* **FAMILY** Araliaceae

COMMON NAMES Fern-leaf aralia, Fern-leaf panax

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are boiled and eaten. They are often cooked with meat or fish.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-5 m high. The leaves are alternate and they are divided into leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 50-100 cm long by 6-12 cm wide. There is a sheath base. The leaflet shapes can vary even on the one plant. The flowers are in a large branched group at the end of the stalk.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforests and secondary growth. It is usually grown at low altitudes but can be up to 1700 m altitudes.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. It is easily grown from cuttings. It can be used as a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 100 Polyscias species.

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