PLANT FACT SHEET

Brillantaisia owariensis P. Beauv.

GENUS *Brillantaisia* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant Salvia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Plant - salt

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 60-90 cm tall. The leaves are heart shaped and shiny. The leaf stalks have wings. The fruit are long cylinder shaped seed pods.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They need warm, moist, humid conditions. In Nigeria it grows up to 1,970 m above sea level. It grows on the edges of forests and shady creek banks.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed, cuttings or division.

NOTES

There are about 12 Brillantaisia species. They grow in the moist African tropics. It is also regarded as a medicine.

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