PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea velutina A. Rich.

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 15 m tall. The trunk is 45 cm across. The bark is smooth and grey. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are leaflets along the stalk. There are 3-5 pairs of leaflets and one at the end. The leaflets are 4-12 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They have a velvety covering underneath. Male and female flowers are on separate trees. The flowers are in a spike like group. This is 15 cm long. They have brown hairs. The fruit is oval and fleshy. They are 8-10 mm long by 6-7 mm wide. There are 4 teeth at the tip. They are softly hairy and yellow to red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in woody savannah. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

The bark is used for dye.
The leaves are used as medicine.

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