PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus johnsonii F. Muell.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Johnson's Qandong, Kuranda Quandong

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds, Fruit, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows up to 10-18 m tall and spreads 5-10 m wide. The young shoots are pink and covered with rusty hairs. The leaves are simple and 8-14 cm long by 1.5-2.5 cm wide. The midrib on the upper side is hairy and underneath there are rusty hairs. There are fine teeth around the leaf edge. The flowering shoot is 4 cm long and the flowers are 0.5 cm long. They are cream and hairy. The fruit is 27-40 mm long by 14-25 mm wide. They hang singly or in bunches. The outer surface of the fruit may have rusty hairs. There is one seed inside. It is up to 30 mm long. The flesh of the fruit is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical and subtropical locations. It grows in highland rainforest in NE Queensland, Australia. It grows between 500-1600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed do not grow easily. They should have the seed coat broken or be fermented.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

PICTURES



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