PLANT FACT SHEET

Drypetes assamica (Hook. f.) Paxet & Hoffm.

GENUS *Drypetes* **FAMILY** Putranjivaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are sour.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 6-13.5 m tall. The bark is thin and ashy. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The branches are slender and hang down. The leaves are oblong and narrow and have teeth along the edge. The leaves are leathery and shiny green. The flowers are in groups with a single sex in a group. They are yellow. The fruit are round to oval and deep red when ripe. They have 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. In north India it grows up to 750 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE India plants flower and fruit October to April.

NOTES

Also put in the family Euphorbiaceae.

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