PLANT FACT SHEET

Serianthes melanesica Fosberg

GENUS *Serianthes* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Vaivai

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds have been reported as edible.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. The crown is often spreading. It grows 4-21 m tall. The leaves are twice divided. The leaf size varies. The flowers are pale yellow or white. The fruit are pods that become a velvety rusty brown at maturity. They are 8-12 cm long by 3-4.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to 750 m altitude. It grows in forests but can be on rocky shores and near mangroves.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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