PLANT FACT SHEET

Weinmannia fraxinea (Don) Smith ex <iq.

GENUS *Weinmannia* **FAMILY** Cunoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Wein tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark

The bark is used to flavour and colour food red eg sago.

DESCRIPTION

A tree which loses its leaves. It grows 11 m tall. The trunk can be 60-120 cm wide. The leaves are opposite or in rings. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leafy growth at the base of the leaf stalk is kidney shaped and remains on the shoots. It is 2 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. There are 5-7 leaflets which are long and narrow and 7-12 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are unequal at the base. There can be rounded or sharp teeth along the edge. The flowers occur along a stalk 12 cm long. They are usually in pairs at the ends of small branches. The flowers are small. Male and female flowers are separate. The fruit is softly hairy. It is an oval capsule. It is 6-7 mm long and contains 6-8 seeds. The seed are 3 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest from sea level to 1100 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The bark can be dried and stored.

NOTES

There are about 150-190 Weinmannia species. There are about 70 Weinmannia species in tropical America.

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