PLANT FACT SHEET

Xanthophyllum vitellinum (Blume) Dietr.

GENUS *Xanthophyllum* **FAMILY** Polygalaceae

COMMON NAMES Lima xanthophyllum tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Oil

It yields an edible oil.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 35 m high. The trunk can be 66 cm across. The leaves are oblong or oval and they taper to the tip. They are 7-35 cm long by 3-11 cm wide. The midrib is raised above. There are 6-11 pairs of secondary veins. These form a vein around the leaf edge. The flowers can be white to dark yellow. The fruit is round and light brown or reddish brown. It is 1.8 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open and swamp forests up to 1,000 m above sea level. It is often on alluvial sites and along rivers but can be on hillsides. It grows on sandy and clay soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the Xanthophyllaceae family.

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