PLANT FACT SHEET

Xylopia elliotii Engler & Diels

GENUS *Xylopia* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - flavouring, Spice

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 10 m tall. It has many branches. The bark is dark brown. The twigs are hairy. The leaves are oval and 5-10 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. The petals are white tinged with purple at the base. The flowers have a scent. The fruit have up to 8 long sections. These are red to purple. There are up to 9 seeds in each section.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 280-1,400 m above sea level.

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