PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros fasciculosa (F. Muell.) F.Muell.

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Grey Ebony, Clustered persimmon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten when soft and juicy.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 6-15 m high. The leaves are oval and leathery. They are shiny green on top and paler underneath. The leaves are 7-13 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are separately male and female. These occur on separate trees. The female flowers are yellow and 0.6 cm across. The are produced in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and orange-red. They are fleshy and about 1.2 cm across. The calyx is large and curves backwards. There are 2-6 shiny seeds inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in rainforests in Queensland and New South Wales in Australia. It grows from tropical to warm temperate regions. It does best in acid soil which is well drained and rich in humus.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seed should be sown fresh. The flesh is removed before sowing. Plants need protection when young.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 485 species of Diospyros mostly in the tropics.

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