



PLANT FACT SHEET

Larsenaikia ochreata (F. Muell.) Tirveng.

GENUS *Larsenaikia* FAMILY Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Scented gardenia, Wenlock gardenia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub. It grows 2-8 m tall. The bark is dark and hard. The leaves are opposite and broadly oval. They have soft hairs underneath. The leaves are 8-12 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. Leaves can fall off in the dry season. The flowers are white to pale yellow and have a strong scent. They are 6-9 cm across. The flowers are at the ends of branches. The fruit are firm and green and round of egg shaped. They are 3-4 cm long by 1.5-2 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal central Queensland in Australia from sea level to 400 m altitude. It suits the seasonally dry tropics. It also grows in the southern region of Papua New Guinea. It grows in open forest and on the edges of creeks. They can tolerate drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed. They can be grown from cuttings treated with rooting hormone.

NOTES

There are about 200 Gardenia species.

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