PLANT FACT SHEET

Astronia papuana Cogn.

GENUS *Astronia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree.

In J. Powell's article as Astronia sp. and this may be Astronia papuana Cogn. which has as a synonym of Pharmacum papuanum Kuntze. Astronia ledermannii Mansf. also occurs in PNG. Robin Hide has Astronia sp. (gogube) being eaten in the Sinasina.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

REFERENCES

Powell, J.M., Ethnobotany. In Paijmans, K., 1976, New Guinea Vegetation. Australian National University Press. p 108 (As Astronia sp.)

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