



PLANT FACT SHEET

Nephelium cuspidatum Blume

GENUS *Nephelium* FAMILY Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant rambutan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 40 m high. The trunk can be 80 cm across. There can be small buttresses. The twigs are have a soft covering. The bark can flake off. The leaves have 1-13 leaflets on each side of the stalk. The leaf stalk is densely hairy. The leaflets are oval and they taper to the tip. The base is rounded. The leaves are 6-35 cm long by 2-12.5 cm wide. They are hairy underneath. The flowering cluster can be in the axils of the upper leaves or on the trunk. The long spikes can hang down. The fruit are oval or round and 2-4 cm long by 2-3 cm across. It is a variable plant with named varieties and sub-varieties.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is an under-storey tree in the forest. It grows from sea level to 800 m above sea level. It needs well drained fertile soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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