



PLANT FACT SHEET

Beilschmiedia bancroftii (Bailey) C. White

GENUS *Beilschmiedia* FAMILY Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow walnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds, Nuts

The seed was eaten after thorough and prolonged processing. This includes baking between wet leaves then peeling, grinding, cooking in the coals, then washing in running water.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 30 m tall. It spreads 5-15 m wide. The bark is brown and rough. The leaves are simple and 7-16 cm long by 3-5 cm across. Young leaves have small hairs underneath. The flowers are 0.5-0.6 cm across. They grow in clusters 10 cm long at the ends of branches. The fruit are 7.5 cm long by 6 cm wide. They hang singly or in bunches. The colour varies from green to orange of brown. There is one seed inside. The seed is 4 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical and subtropical locations. It grows in the wet tropics. It grows naturally in rainforest in Queensland, Australia. It grows from sea level to 1300 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed. Seed needs to be sown fresh.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees are fast growing.

NOTES

There are about 100-250 *Beilschmiedia* species. They are in the tropics.

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