



PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros cauliflora Blume

GENUS *Diospyros* FAMILY Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Cauliflorous ebony tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The flesh of the ripe fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 17-24 m tall. The trunk has swollen knobs on it. Flowers develop from these. The twigs have red brown hairs. The bark is black. The leaves are broadly oval and 10-40 cm long by 3-13 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped. It tapers to the tip. There are 5-14 pairs of veins. The flowering shoots are borne on twigs on the trunks and branches. Male flowers are small and in groups. The female flowers also occur in groups. The fruit are round and about 2.5 cm across. They have lobes and these each contain a seed. There can be up to 4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs at low to medium altitudes in forests. It grows up to 800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They can also be grown from cuttings.

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