



TABERNAEMONTANA

Botanical Name: *Tabernaemontana rotensis*

Common Name:

Native Range: Endemic to the Mariana Islands (Guam, Rota)

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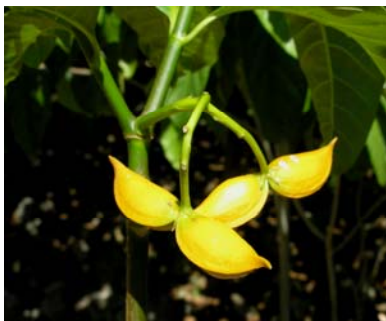
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Description

Tabernaemontana is a medium sized tree (up to 30ft) that grows naturally only in the Mariana Islands of Guam and Rota (Stone, 1970). It was known to be quite rare and was considered to be listed as a federally endangered species. But in recent years, several stands have been discovered on both islands, and is not as rare as once believed. *Tabernaemontana* flowers are white and its fruits are very attractive maturing from green to orange-red.



Propagation

Fruits of *Tabernaemontana* contain several seeds and are easily propagated in peat most. It is recommended that germination will be more successful if media is not over-watered and covered by clear plastic.

Uses

Little is known about the uses of *Tabernaemontana*. The fruit may be a source of wildlife food. Guam Forestry will promote the species for planting projects.

References:

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