

You are viewing one of thousands of biographies – click below for more, including Search box and access to Plant associated organisations.

[Plant Biographies](#)

[Bibliography](#)

Nephelium ramboutan-ake

[Synonyms : *Litchi ramboutan-ake*, *Nephelium mutabile*]

PULASAN is an evergreen tree. Native to western Malaysia it has very small, petalless, greenish flower.

It is also known as *Gerat* (Malay), *Kapulasan* (Sundanese), and *Ngo-khonsan* (Thai).

Ramboutan-ake is derived from a local Malaysian name.

The fleshy spined, deep pink fruit (sometimes confused with the rambutan, *Nephelium lappaceum*) are eaten raw or cooked as compôte. They are also made into jam – and the large seeds can be eaten raw – or when boiled or roasted made into a cocoa-like drink. Although the trees are cultivated widely in the East for their fruit (there are now many edible varieties) they are said to be an especially familiar sight in China.

The edible seed oil was also used once in lamps.

Authorities on south-eastern Asia believe that at the turn of the 20th and 21st Centuries the trees primarily offer fruit – and then a provide a source of vegetable oil, beverage, medicine and timber there.

Medicinally, local Asian medicine has turned to a root decoction to expel worms and to ease fever, while the leaves and root have offered ingredients in some poultices.