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Ocotea rodiei

[Synonyms : *Chlorocardium rodiei*, *Nectandra leucantha*, *Nectandra leucantha* var. *radiaei*, *Nectandra leucantha* var. *rodiaei*, *Nectandra rodiaei*, *Ocotea rodiaei*]

BEEBEERU is a tree. It is native to tropical South America (particularly Guyana).

It is also known as *Beeberoe* (Surinamese), *Bibiri* (Guyanese and Portuguese), *Bibiru* (English and Guyanese), *Demerara greenheart*, *Greenheart*, *Itauba branca*, *Kevatuk* (Guyanese), *Sipiri* (Guyanese), and *Sipiroe* (Surinamese).

Its strong, very hard, tough and heavy wood (which is particularly durable under water) was used in the construction of the Panama Canal – and has also been used for shipbuilding, docks, piling, lock gates, flooring, vats, plates in filter-presses, heavy construction work generally and turning, as well as for making sports equipment such as fishing rods or billiard cues.

Medicinally, in the past the powdered bark was used particularly for treating stomach disorders.