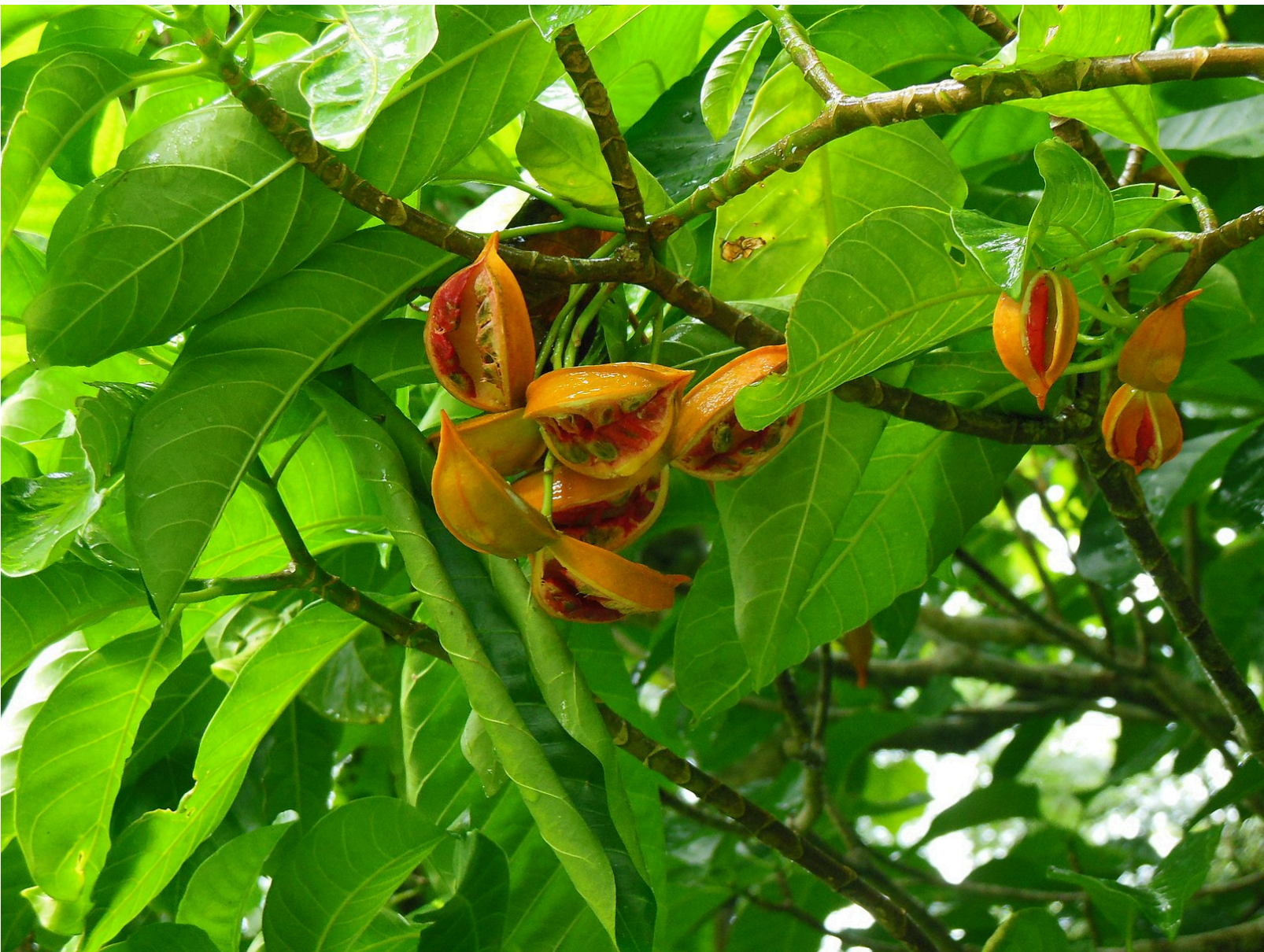


# TABERNAE

**Botanical Name:** *Tabernaemontana rotensis*  
**Native range:** Marianas Islands

**Common Name:**



**Description:** Tabernae is a medium-sized tree (up to 25 ft.) that is only found on Guam and Rota. Tabernae branches usually split into two. The stem is gray with prominent lenticels. Inside its fruits are a red pulp tissue covering the seeds.

**Uses and cultural significance:** Tabernae was proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act in June, 2000, but in recent years, several stands have been discovered on both Guam and Rota, and is not as rare as once believed.

## How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full sun.	Water regularly, letting the soil dry out between waterings.	Prefers well-drained soils with a pH of 7-8. It grows naturally in limestone forests.	Apply small amounts of complete fertilizer once every 3-4 months for 1 year.	Mealy bugs, scale insects, and the <i>Satsuma mercatorius</i> snail

### Propagation

Collect mature healthy seeds from the tree or on the ground to propagate Tabernae. Dry the seeds before germinating.

**Resources:**

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