PLANT FACT SHEET

Bridelia insulana Hance

GENUS *Bridelia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Prickly bridelia tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It can have spines on the stem. It grows 3-10 m high. (It can be a tall tree up to 25 m). The trunk can be 30-40 cm across. The bark is grey to brown and slightly rough. The leaves occur singly but are arranged in spirals along the branch. The leaves are broadly oval and 18 cm long by 9 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of the leaves. Male and female flowers are separate but on the same plant. There are 15-30 flowers in a group. There are 10 fruit in a clump. The fruit is oval and fleshy and 1 cm long. They can be orange with red dots or red. There are 3-6 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in primary and secondary rainforest. It grows from sea level to 1,500 m altitude. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

PICTURES



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