PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesa tetrandra (Roxb.) A. DC.

GENUS *Maesa* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Four-stamen maesa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. Young parts have rusty coloured hairs. The leaves are narrowly oval and 5-10 cm long by 3-6.5 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. The flowers mature from the bottom up. The flowers have 4 parts. The fruit is round and fleshy. It is whitish and 2.5-3 cm across. The seeds are black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 1,230 m above sea level.

NOTES

The name is ambiguous.

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