PLANT FACT SHEET

Tapinanthus globiferus (A. Rich.) Tiegh.

GENUS *Tapinanthus* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Kawshyi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A woody mistletoe plant that grows attached to other plants. The leaves are opposite. They are narrowly sword shaped and 4-8 cm long by 0.5-4 cm wide. They are taped to the tip and rounded at the base. The flowering shoots are in the axils of the leaves with 6-8 flowers. The flowers are red. The fruit is an orange to red berry when ripe. It is 8-9 mm long and wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in woodland.

NOTES

The leaves contain trypsin inhibitors. This means proteins may not be properly digested.

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