PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesa parvifolia A. DC.

GENUS *Maesa* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Vegetable, Leaves - tea

The leaves are used for a tea drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or climber. It grows 1-3 m tall. The branches are angular. The leaves are oval and 3-6 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. The flowers are white.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests and sunny hillsides between 400-1,700 m above sea level in southern China. In Yunnan.

NOTES

They are also put in the family Maesaceae. They are also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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