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Medusanthera laxiflora (Miers) Howard

GENUS *Medusanthera* **FAMILY** Stemonuraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are cooked and eaten.
(They are also reported as medicinal against malaria.)

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree up to 15 m tall. The branches spread almost horizontal. Leaves are oblong 12-21 cm long and 4-8 cm wide. Flowers are unisexual. Fruit is green and 1.5 cm x 0.8 cm with a fleshy pad on the flat side.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is mostly an understorey tree in the rainforest. It occurs up to 900 m.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It mostly grows wild, the fruit probably being distributed by cassowaries.

NOTES

There are 4-5 Medusanthera species.

Also put in the family Icacinaceae.

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