PLANT FACT SHEET

Urera baccifera (L.) Gaudich. ex Wedd.

GENUS *Urera* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

COMMON NAMES Bugrun, Nettle tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Leaves, Fruit

Caution. The leaves can cause very serious stinging.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. It has spines and stinging hairs. The leaves are 25 cm long by 12.5 cm wide and have teeth along the edge. They have long leaf stalks. The flowers are a cluster of pink or purple. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit is spongy and juicy and green to pink.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist forests but needs a sunny position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be used as a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 40 Urera species. They are in the tropics.
It has anti-inflammatory medicinal properties.

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