PLANT FACT SHEET

Canthium ventosum (L.) S. Moore

GENUS *Canthium* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Turkey berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can be 3-6 m tall but grows to 15 m tall in the forest. It can be a shrub or creeper. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are 2.5-7.5 cm long and 3.8 cm wide. The leaves are green above and paler underneath. The flowers are small and greenish-yellow. They occur in bunches in the axils of leaves. The fruit are oblong and about 1.3 cm long. They have 2 lobes and 2 seeds. They are green and become purple or black when ripe. They are edible.

Possibly now Olinia ventosa

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forest along the coast.

NOTES

There are about 200 Canthium species.
Canthium ventosum (L.) S. Moore is an unresolved name and Canthium ventosum Kuntze is a synonym of Canthium inerme (L.f.) Kuntze.

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