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# *Scolopia theifolia* Gilg

**GENUS** *Scolopia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A small branched tree. It grows 15 m tall. The bark is smooth and pale grey. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are small and 4-7 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are oval and wedge shaped at the base. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry mountain forest.

## NOTES

Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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