PLANT FACT SHEET

Mouriri grandiflora A. DC.

GENUS *Mouriri* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Bigflower mouriri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It has weak hanging branches. It can grow 30 m high and have a trunk 30 cm across. The leaves are 11-31 cm long by 5-11 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. They taper to the tip and are rounded at the base. The flowering branches occur on the trunks, the branches and the twigs. There can be 1-5 flowers in a group. The petals are white and can be red. The fruit can be yellow, orange of red. They are a flattened round shape. They are 2 cm high. There can be 1-5 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the forests often near streams and can be in areas that are occasionally flooded. They grow up to 400 m altitude.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Memecylaceae.

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