PLANT FACT SHEET

Tarenna asiatica (L.) Kuntze ex K. Schumann

GENUS *Tarenna* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Asiatic tarenna

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. Young branches are angular. The leaves are simple and opposite. They overlap at the base. The leaf blades are 8-18 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The edges of the leaves are entire and curled. The flowers are cream or yellow and in groups at the top of the plant. The fruit are round black berries. They are 6 mm across. They have 2 cells with seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the tropics. It grows on the edges of forests above 1,600 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 180-370 Tarenna species.

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