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Iochroma arborescens (L.) J.M.H. Shaw

GENUS *Iochroma* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild tree tobacco

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten or made into jelly.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-10 m tall The crown is irregular. The bark is corky and corrugated and a brown colour. The leaves are 6-25 cm long. They are a lighter green underneath. The flowers are bell shaped. They are small and pale green. They occur in clusters along the branches. The fruit are ripe, yellow-orange berries. They are in groups of 6-15. The fruit are about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Costa Rica it grows between 600 and 1,500 m altitude. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

There are about 50 Acnistus species. They grow in Central and South America. Most Acnistic are now included in this species.

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