PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Sarcocephalus pobeguinii* Pobeg. ex Pellgr.

**GENUS** *Sarcocephalus* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Water kusia

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 30 m high. The trunk is 1 m across. The bark is white or pale brown. It has rough cracks. Young shoots are hairy. The leaves are 8-21 cm long by 6-14 cm wide. The flowers are pink or white. They have a sweet smell. The fruit are 8-9 cm across and fleshy. The seeds are about 2 mm long. They are reddish and narrowed at both ends.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest and woodland. It grows by river banks and near lakes and marshes. It grows between 780-1,400 m altitude.

## NOTES

Sarcocephalus pobeguinii Pobeg. ex Pellgr. is a synonym of Nauclea pobeguinii (Pobeg. ex Pellgr.) Merr. ex E. M. A. Petit while Sarcocephalus pobeguinii Hua & Pobeg. is an accepted name with Nauclea pobeguinii (Hua ex Pobeg.) Merr. as a synonym.
It possibly has some anti-malarial properties.

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