PLANT FACT SHEET

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It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Phyllocosmus lemaireanus (De Wild. & Th Dur.) Th. & H. Dur.

GENUS *Phyllocosmus* **FAMILY** Ixonanthaceae

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows up to 10 m high. It can be low growing from a woody base. The leaves are 7-11 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are thinly leathery. The flowers are on unbranched shoots. There are 1-3 shoots together with 2-3 flowers in a cluster. The petals are white or cream. The fruit is a capsule 6-9 mm long by 4-6 mm wide. These contain 1-3 seeds. The seeds are dark reddish-brown and 5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry open deciduous forests. It is sometimes near streams. It grows from sea level to 1,300 m altitude. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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