PLANT FACT SHEET

Ixora philippinensis Merr.

GENUS *Ixora* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Philippines ixora

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrubby tree 1 to 2 m high. The twigs are nearly round and smooth. The leaves are leathery and nearly lacking a stalk. They are oblong and papery beneath. The base is rounded and often heart shaped, and the midrib raised beneath. They are leaf like appendages at the base of the leaf stem. The flowers are pink to white. The fruit are oval and reddish. They are between 2 seeds ending in a point.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In the Philippines they are common in the valley regions from Batanes Islands to Mindanao and Balacbac. It grows in broad-leaved forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 400 Ixora species. They grow in tropical countries.

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