PLANT FACT SHEET

Acalypha siamensis Oliver ex Gage

GENUS *Acalypha* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Hermit's Tea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

The leaves are dried then used to make tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2 m tall. Young branches are hairy. The leaves are oval. They are 2-6 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They have glands underneath. The flowers are in hairy spikes. The fruit capsule has a grey covering.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry evergreen forests on sandy soil. It grows between 100-400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or by cuttings.

NOTES

There are over 450 Acalypha species. They are tropical. There are 225 in tropical America.

PICTURES



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