PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium neilgherrense Wight

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Kalavu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. The bark is brown with irregular scales. The young branches are hairy. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaf blades are 5-10 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are sword shaped. There are rounded teeth along the edge. The flowers are white or red and in groups in the axils of leaves or near the ends of branches. The fruit is a round berry with many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along streams and on the edges of forests between 1,000-2,100 m above sea level.

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