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Miconia albicans (Sw.) Triana

GENUS *Miconia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Whitish maya

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree or shrub. It grows 2-3 m high. The leaves are opposite and 10-15 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 2 cm long. The flowering stalk is 10-15 cm long. The flowers are white. They do not have flower stalks. The fruit is 5-6 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It requires a minimum of 1,000 mm rainfall per year.

NOTES

There are about 1,000 Miconia species.

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