PLANT FACT SHEET

Meyna laxiflora Robyns

GENUS *Meyna* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The ripe fruit are sweet and eaten.
The young leaves and fruit are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows up to 10 m high. The trunk is almost smooth. The bark is dark brown with straight spines. The leaves are opposite and oval. They are 5-13 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. There are shiny with 6-9 pairs of side veins. The small leafy structures at the base of the leaf are triangular. The flowers are greenish-white. They are hairy inside. They occur in a flat topped cluster. The fruit are yellow and round. They are 4-5 cm across. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in plains and low hills in deciduous forests in India.

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