PLANT FACT SHEET

Cestrum latifolium Lam.

GENUS *Cestrum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Bitter greens

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

CAUTION: Many Cestrum are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or slender tree. It grows 4 m tall. The flowers are in tufts in the axils of leaves. There are 4-12 flowers in a group. The fruit is an oval berry. It is 0.7 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. The fruit are green to dark purplish-blue. There are 3-4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal areas and in open savanna forest and on slopes. It grows in moist rich soil and can be in full sun or light shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or tip cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 175-200 Cestrum species. The fruit are used as fish poison.

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