PLANT FACT SHEET

Peritassa peruviana (Miers) A. C. Sm.

GENUS *Peritassa* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Peruvian peritassa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It is a climbing plant. It can be 4-15 m long. It has slender branches. The leaves are opposite. The leaf stalks are slender 6-8 mm. The leaves are oval and 10-15 cm long by 4-6.5 cm wide. They can be wavy at the edges. The flowers are loosely arranged and 4 mm across. The fruit are narrowly oval and yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows between 100-1,850 m above sea level.

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