PLANT FACT SHEET

Litsea miqueliana (Kuntze) ined.

GENUS *Litsea* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy-leaved fragrant litsea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

The young leaves are chopped and used as flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-3 m high. The young branches are grey-black. The leaves are sword shaped and 10-17 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. There are a few hairs underneath. The flowers are white. Male and female flowers occur on separate plants. The fruit are fleshy and red. They are almost round and 5-6 mm long by 5 mm across. They are on hairy stalks 8-10 mm long.

HABITAT

It is native to central China and grows by streams along the edge of the forest between 300-1,800 m altitude. It suits the wet tropics.

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