PLANT FACT SHEET

Coccinia barteri (Hook. f.) Keay

GENUS *Coccinia* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A climbing or trailing herb. The stems lie along the ground and can be 15 m long. The stems are slender. The leaf blade is 8-16 cm long by 5-20 cm wide. The leaves vary. They may not have lobes or can have 3-5 lobes arranged like fingers on a hand. They are leathery and have widely spaced teeth along the edge. There are tendrils. Plants are separately male and female. The male flowers are stout and there are 3-25 in a group. The female flowers are more dense and with 2-12 flowers. They are yellow to orange. The fruit is oval and 4 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are smooth and red. They are usually in clusters.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in coastal rain-forest and swamp forest between 700-1,050 m above sea level.

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