PLANT FACT SHEET

Phyllanthus casticum Willemet

GENUS *Phyllanthus* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Leaf-flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten and has a slightly sour taste.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The trunk can be 15 cm across. The bark is brown-grey. The twigs are hairy. The leaves are alternate. They are in 2 rows and crowded along the twigs. The leaf blade is oblong and 7-25 mm long by 3-12 mm wide. The base is unequal. The flowers are in small groups in the axils of leaves. Male and female flowers are separate. They are dark red. The fruit is a round fleshy berry. It is 6-9 mm across and is green but turn red then black. It has 6 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,600 m altitude.

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