PLANT FACT SHEET

Justicia gendarussa Burm.f.

GENUS *Justicia* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Willow-leaved justicia, Black malabar nut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Leaves - tea

The young leaves are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-4 m tall. It is often used as a hedge. It has purple and green smooth twigs. The leaves are sword shaped. They are 6-10 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are pointed at the end. The flowers are small and in 4-12 cm long spikes. The flowers occur in erect spikes. These can be at the end of the plant or in the axils of leaves. The flowers are white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near the edges of forests and near river banks up to 1,500 m above sea level. At MARDI. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

PICTURES



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