PLANT FACT SHEET

Combretum grandiflorum G. Don

GENUS *Combretum* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Showy Combretum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The nectar is sucked from the flower.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrubby or woody climber. It can grow 6 m high. The leaves are oval and 10-15 cm long. They are glossy dark green. The leaf stalk and mid vein are purple. The flowers are red with yellow anthers. They are cup shaped. The fruit are dry, one seeded and winged.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on the edges of clearings. It needs an average, well-drained soil. It is often along rivers and in palm groves. It can be up to 800 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds, cuttings or air-layering.

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