PLANT FACT SHEET

Melianthus comosus Vahl

GENUS *Melianthus* **FAMILY** Francoaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The nectar is eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves are 6-16 cm long and divided in the top section. The leaflets in a pairs are 3-5 cm long and 0.5-2 cm wide. The flowering shoots hang down with flowers along them. The flowers are dark red. The fruit capsules are 3-5 cm long and have 4 wings. The seeds are 3-4 mm across. They are black and shining.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

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