PLANT FACT SHEET

Cavendishia melastomoides (Klotzsch) Hemsl.

GENUS *Cavendishia* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It often grows attached to other plants. It can grow 3 m tall. The branches often hang down. The stem at the base can be 1-7 cm across. It usually has some reddish colouring. The twigs are angled and have lines along them. The leaves are narrowly oval to sword shaped and 3-9 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are rounded to wedge shaped at the base and taper to the tip. The flowering shoots usually have 6-10 flowers. The fruit is a berry 11-14 mm across. There are some varieties.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 950-2,800 m above sea level.

NOTES

var. not in The Plant List but in NYBG flora.
It is a rare and at risk species.

REFERENCES

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