PLANT FACT SHEET

Cipadessa baccifera (Roth) Miquel

GENUS *Cipadessa* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian neem

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are used for flavouring curries and pickles.
The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows to 1-5 m high. The leaflets along the stalk end with a leaflet at the end. The leaflets have short stalks. Leaflets are hairy on the upper surface. The flowers are small and green. They occur in the axils of leaves. The fruit are purple to black when ripe. They are round and 4-5 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal, plants grow 250-1700 m altitude. They grow in open places. In southern China it grows between 200-2,100 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in April to October and fruit August to February. In India fruit are produced March to November.

NOTES

There is only one Cipadessa species.

PICTURES



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