PLANT FACT SHEET

Anthurium scandens (Aubl.) Engl.

GENUS *Anthurium* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Pearl lace leaf

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe berries are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A vine that grows attached to other plants or on rocks. It climbs by roots that attach to other plants and it grows 1-2 m long. The stems hang down. There is a fibrous sheath between the nodes. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaf blades are narrowly oval to sword shaped and 8-13 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowering groups are erect in the axils of the leaves. The flower spadix is 1-2 cm long. There is a spathe around the flower that curves back. The fruit are flattened berries. They are 5 mm across. They are juicy and white when ripe. The seeds are 1 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows attached to other plants in wet forests up to 1,800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers and fruits throughout the year.

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