PLANT FACT SHEET

Ixora coccinea L.

GENUS *Ixora* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Red Immortal powder herb, Jungle geranium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers - flavouring

The ripe fruit are eaten.
The flowers are used as a condiment or flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree or shrubby bush. It grows 2.4 m high and about 2 m wide. The young leaves are red but become glossy and dark green. They do not have stalks. They are 4-9 cm long and can be heart shaped at the base. The flowers are bright red. They are in large round clusters. The fruit is a round shiny berry 6 mm across. It contains 2 seeds. There are named varieties with different flower colours.

HABITAT

It needs tropical conditions. It is native to tropical Asia. It suits hardiness zones 11-12. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. It can be grown by air-layering. It can be grown by cuttings using rooting hormones.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers when still a small shrub. It flowers and fruits throughout the year.

NOTES

There are about 400 Ixora species. They grow in tropical countries. The flowers are sacred to Shiva & Vishna.

PICTURES



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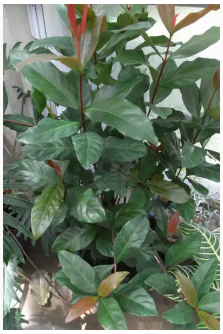

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