PLANT FACT SHEET

Bridelia balansae Tutcher

GENUS *Bridelia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 17 m tall. The trunk is 30 cm across. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped and 5-15 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped and the edges are curved. There are 12 flowers in a group. The fruit is oval and 8-12 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. They are purple-black when mature.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain forest between 200-1,000 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in May to August and fruit September to November.

NOTES

There are about 60 Bridelia species.

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