PLANT FACT SHEET

Callicarpa tomentosa (L.) L.

GENUS *Callicarpa* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark, Spice, Leaves

The bark is chewed with betel nut.
The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The bark is grey. The small branches are angular. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are narrowly oval and taper to the tip. The flowers are purple. The fruit are round and fleshy and have 3-4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests up to 1,400 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 140-150 Callicarpa species.
Previously in the Verbenaceae family.

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