PLANT FACT SHEET

Cavendishia pubescens (Kunth) Hemsl.

GENUS *Cavendishia* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Pubescent cavendishia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 7 m tall. The trunk is 20 cm across. There are many branches. Leaves and new branches are hairy. The leaves are simple and alternate or in spirals. They are oblong to swrord shaped and 12-30 cm long by 3-12 cm wide. They are rounded at the base and taper to the tip. The upper surface is dark green and shiny and they are pale underneath. The flowering shoots are 7.5 cm long and the flowers are in clusters. They are large and tube shaped. The fruit is an oblong berry 1-1.2 cm across. They are dark purple when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in secondary forests between 1,600-3,000 m above sea level.

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