PLANT FACT SHEET

Ixora brachiata Roxb.

GENUS *Ixora* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5-10 m tall. The bark is brown and scaly. The leaves are simple and opposite. The leaf blade is 8-18 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. The flowers are in groups near the end of branches. They are small, white and have a scent. The fruit is a round berry. It is 6 mm long and reddish when ripe. There are 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in high rainfall areas. It grows as an understorey plant in disturbed evergreen forests up to 1,400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India it flowers and fruits January to May.

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