PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Miconia crenata (Vahl) Michelang.

GENUS *Miconia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Soapbush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can grow to 3 m tall. The small branches are covered with stiff brown hairs. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are oval and have pointed tips. There can be teeth along the edge. The fruit are small round berries. They contain many brown seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows from sea level to 2,300 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is considered a serious weed.
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