PLANT FACT SHEET

Baccaurea racemosa (Reinw. ex Bl.) Muell. Arg.

GENUS *Baccaurea* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow menteng tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They can be sweet or acidic.
Caution: There are reports of vomiting from eating large amounts of fruit.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15-25 m tall. The trunk can be 25-70 cm across. The crown is irregular shaped and dense. The leaves are oval and 7-18 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. The leaves have glands. The leaf stalk is 0.5-4.5 cm long. The leafy growths at the base of the leaves (stipules) are triangle shaped. The flowering stalks are on the old branches or on the trunks. The male and female flowers are separate. The male flowering stalks are 5-13 cm long. The flowers are in clusters of 3. The female flowering stalks are 10-20 cm long. The fruit are white and about 3.5 cm across. When ripe they turn scarlet. They are covered with fine silvery hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and in fresh water swamps. It grows up to 1,100 m above sea level. In Cairns BG.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds, air-layering and grafting,

NOTES

There are about 80 Baccaurea species.

PICTURES



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