PLANT FACT SHEET

Clerodendrum capitatum (Willd.) Schum & Thonn.

GENUS *Clerodendrum* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Pipe bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The root is used in soup broth.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing or scrambling shrub. It grows 6 m high. The leaf stalks 2.5 cm long can remain on old stems and branches. The young branches are densely hairy. The leaves are opposite. They are 2-17 cm long by 1-12 cm wide. They are broadly oval. They taper to the tip and are rounded or wedge shaped at the base. The flowering clusters ate 3-5 cm across. They are a half round shaped. There are large purple bracts around them. The fruit are 12 mm across. They are green when young and black and shiny when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests near rivers. It grows in savannah and closed forests. It grows from 475-1,420 m altitude. It can be up to 1,900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 400 Clerodendrum species. Also as Lamiaceae

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