PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Cyclanthus bipartitus* Poit. ex A. Rich.

**GENUS** *Cyclanthus* **FAMILY** Cyclanthaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Split-leaf cyclanthus

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves - salt

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.
The plant is burnt and the ash used for vegetable salt.

## DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 2.5 m tall. The leaves are a long oval shape and 45-50 cm long by 30 cm wide. They taper to both ends. The edges are wavy. They are shiny green and silvery underneath. The leaf stalks can be 1 m long. The flowers are small and cream. The fruit is a flat capsule. They are yellow to brown and in a beehive form. The are many small black seeds.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforests and up to 4,600 m above sea level. Cairns BG.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from stem cuttings and division of the roots and shoots.

## PICTURES



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