PLANT FACT SHEET

Meyna spinosa Roxb. ex Link

GENUS *Meyna* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES False thorn-randa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as salads.
The ripe fruit are eaten fresh or dried.
The ripe dried fruit are eaten with salts.

DESCRIPTION

A straggling thorny shrub. It can grow 5 m tall. The leaves are opposite. The stems are covered with long spines. The flowers are pale white. The fruit is a flattened berry. It grows 2 cm across. It is yellow. The fruit are in groups along the branches.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on open ground often near water. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Manipur in India the fruit are available February to August.

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