PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Mussaenda erythrophylla* Schumach. & Thonn.

**GENUS** *Mussaenda* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Red mussaenda

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A straggling shrub or vine. It grows 2-4 m tall. The branches are drooping or climbing. The leaves are narrowly oval. They are 7 cm long by 5 cm wide. The flower petals are yellow to pink with large red sepals. The fruit are oval and hairy.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in light gaps in the forest. In Nigeria it is recorded at 600 and 1,500 m above sea level.

## NOTES

It is probably used in medicine.

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