PLANT FACT SHEET

Medinilla speciosa Reinw. ex Blume

GENUS *Medinilla* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Showy Asian grapes

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 40-60 cm tall. The branches are woody. The leaves are arranged oppositely. They are green and leathery. The flowers are in a panicle with red stems. They hang down. The fruit are berries that are round and pink but then turn purple to blue as they ripen.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain forests and shaded areas in moist soils. It grows between 300-750 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and also softwood cuttings and roots.

NOTES

There are about 400 Medinilla species.
Not in The Plant List.

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