PLANT FACT SHEET

Melastoma polyanthum L.

GENUS *Melastoma* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Wine-bottle berry, Many-flowered melastoma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw but have no flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1 m high. It has scales and hairs. The young branches are 4 sided. The leaves are opposite and sword shaped. They are 5-13 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The leaf stalks are 5-10 cm long. The fruit are urn shaped capsules. They are 6-8 mm long and 5-7 mm wide. There are many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Hainan.

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