PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Melastomastrum segregatum* (Benth.) A. Fern. & R. Fern.

**GENUS** *Melastomastrum* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-3 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 12 cm long by 4 cm wide. The base is rounded and the tip is tapered. There is usually a single flower surrounded by bracts. The petals are broadly oval and 12 mm long by 16 mm wide. They are pink.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In inland regions it grows between 1,120-1,170 m above sea level. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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