PLANT FACT SHEET

Ploiarium alternifolium (Vahl) Melch.

GENUS *Ploiarium* **FAMILY** Bonnetiaceae

COMMON NAMES Cicada tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 15 m tall. It has stilt roots when grown in swamps. The leaves are narrow and thick. They are arranged in spirals. They have small teeth. The flowers are white. The fruit are capsules that split open. They are brown to purple.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

NOTES

Also put in the family Theaceae.

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