PLANT FACT SHEET

Pyrenacantha malvifolia Engl.

GENUS *Pyrenacantha* **FAMILY** Icacinaceae

COMMON NAMES Monkey chair

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tuber, Fruit

The root tubers are cooked and eaten.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing or twining plant. The stems can be 15 m long. They arise from a swollen stem that can be 1.5 m across and 75 cm tall. Young shoots are hairy. The leaves are kidney shaped to oval and have between 3-7 irregular lobes. They are 4-12 cm long by 4-11 cm wide. The flowers are small and green. The fruit are 1.5-2 cm long by 7-10 mm thick. They turn yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in semi-desert.

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