PLANT FACT SHEET

Ixora pavetta Andrews

GENUS *Ixora* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Torchwood, Torch tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrubby small evergreen tree. It grows 7 m tall. It has many branches. The leaves are large and glossy. They are simple and dark green. They are 13 cm long and oblong. They have short stalks. They are leathery. The flowers are white and showy. They are held in compact heads. They have a scent. The fruit is a berry 5-10 mm across. It is shiny black and has 2 lobes. The ripe fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to tropical Asia. It grows in dry woodland. It can tolerate drought. It can grow in bright shade to full sun. It does best in fertile, slightly acid soil. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or greenwood cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 400 Ixora species. They grow in tropical countries. There are about 50 species in tropical America.

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