PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Maesobotrya floribunda Benth.

GENUS *Maesobotrya* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-6 m tall. It can be 12 m tall. The trunk can be 5-20 cm across. It produces suckers. The branches are drooping. Trees are separately male and female. The flowers and fruit are produced on the trunk. The fruit are pale red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or suckers.

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