PLANT FACT SHEET

Vitex orinocensis var. multiflora (Miq.) Huber

GENUS *Vitex* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 22 m tall. It can be a shrub 5 m tall. The leaves usually have 3 leaflets. The middle leaflet is the largest. The leaf stalks are 1-3.5 cm long. The flower panicle is loose. It can be 18 cm long by 12 cm wide. The stalk is 5-6 cm long. The fruit is oval and fleshy. It is 1 cm long by 0.8 cm wide. The pulp is edible. It has a bad smell.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in upland rainforest especially on granite or bauxite.

NOTES

Also put in the family Verbenaceae.

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