PLANT FACT SHEET

Tapinanthus oleifolius (J. C. Wendl.) Danser

GENUS *Tapinanthus* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Bird-lime, Lighted candles

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems - drink, Flowers - nectar, Fruit, Leaves - tea

The stems are dried, pounded and cooked. Then sugar and milk is added to make a drink. The leaves are also used.
The nectar is sucked from the flowers.
The fruit are eaten raw either fresh or dried.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that grows on other plants. It can grow 1.5 m high. Young stems are hairy. The leaves are arranged irregularly. The leaves vary but can be 3-5 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. Flowers occur in single groups of 3-4 flowers. The fruit are oval berries. They are reddish-orange.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. The dry season can be 6-11 months. It grows between 70-1,950 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Seeds need light to germinate.

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