PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycianthes biflora (Lour.) Bitter

GENUS *Lycianthes* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Plant - medicine

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It is softly hairy. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves are of 2 types. The main leaves are oval and 9-15 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. The minor leaves are 2.5-4 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The flowers occur as several in a group in the axils of leaves. They are purple and white. The fruit are red berries. They are 6-9 mm across. There are many pale yellow seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It Taiwan it grows from 100-2,300 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 180 Lycianthes species, mostly in tropical America.

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