PLANT FACT SHEET

Aporosa cardiosperma (Gaertn.) Merr.

GENUS *Aporosa* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The young leaves are eaten.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw. It is the aril of fleshy layer around the seeds that is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 20 m tall. The leaves are simple. They are 8-18 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. Male and female flowers are separate on the same plant. Male flowers are yellow and can occur separately or in clusters in a spike. The fruit are yellow when ripe. The fruit is a capsule 10-12 mm across. The fruit is small and berry-like. It is edible. There is one brown seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests and on the plains.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India plants flower and fruit December to June.

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