PLANT FACT SHEET

Heisteria latifolia Standl.

GENUS *Heisteria* **FAMILY** Erythropalaceae

COMMON NAMES Broad leaf heisteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 3-8 m tall. The trunk is 4 cm wide. The leaves are oval and 22 cm long by 6 cm wide or larger. They are rich green above and more pale underneath. The flowers can be on the trunk or branches. They are yellow. The fruit are oblong green with a red calyx around them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows from sea level to 1,200 m above sea level.

NOTES

Previously in the Olacaceae.

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