PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Finlaysonia obovata* Wall.

**GENUS** *Finlaysonia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves

The leaves are eaten in salads.

## DESCRIPTION

A slender woody climber. It has white sap. The leaves are simple and 4-12.5 cm long by 1.6-6 cm wide. They are fleshy. The leaf stalk is 7-20 mm long. The flowers are in a panicle at the ends of the branches. The flowers are 15 mm across. There are 5 petals. The flowers are yellow-green or yellow-brown. The fruit is a green or brown follicle. It is 5-8 cm long. It is ribbed and has several seeds.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mangrove swamps. It is often near the mouths of rivers. It grows near sea level.

## PICTURES



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