PLANT FACT SHEET

Rutidea orientalis Bridson

GENUS *Rutidea* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Fringe tail

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is used for beer.

DESCRIPTION

A climber in the tree canopy. It can be 6 m tall. The leaves are opposite and broadly sword shaped. They are shiny and dark green above and paler with yellow hairs underneath. The flowers are in dense clusters. They are small and white. They have a strong scent. The fruit are 5-9 mm across. They are yellow or orange. They turn purple-black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grow in the rain-forest from lowlands to the mountains. It grows in evergreen rain-forest between 350-1,600 m above sea level. It grows in deep shade along rivers.

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