PLANT FACT SHEET

Malaisia scandens (Lour.) Planch.

GENUS *Malaisia* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Burney vine, Crow ash, Fire Vine, Fireweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The ripe fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A vine or climbing shrub. The young branches are brown. There are short grey hairs when young. The leaves are simple and oval. They are 3-13 cm long by 2-4.5 cm wide. They are slightly sandpapery on the under surface. There are 7-12 pairs of secondary veins on each side of the midrib. The fruit are berries 8 mm long by 5 mm across. The occur in clusters in the axils of leaves. The receptacle can be yellow, pink, red or orange. There is one seed inside. This is 8 mm long. The flesh is edible.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and subtropical locations. It grows in rainforest in Queensland and New South Wales in Australia, as well as in the Northern Territory and Western Australia. It grows from sea level to 1,100 m above sea level. In China it grows in scrub on hills in S China.

PRODUCTION

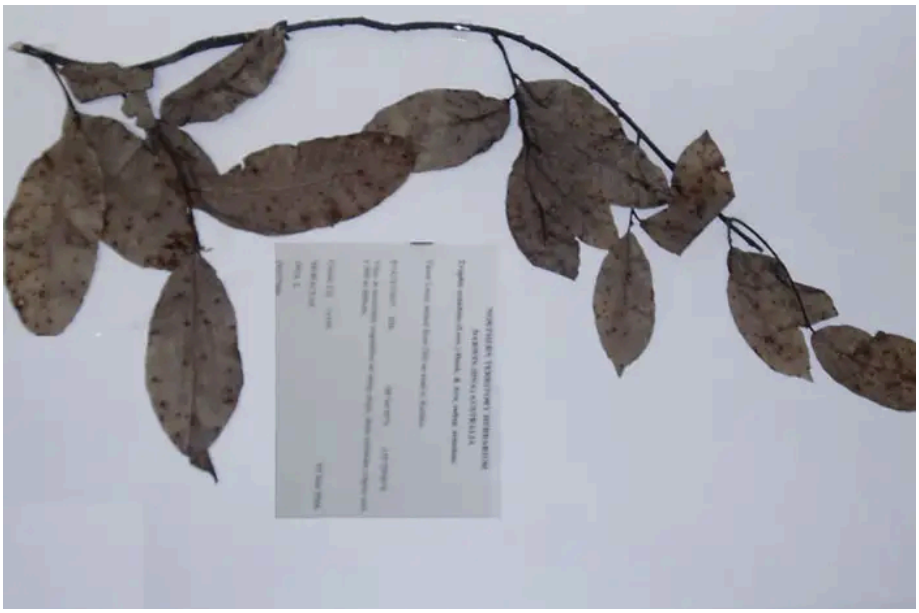
Cultivation

It can be grown from fresh seed. It can also be grown from cuttings.

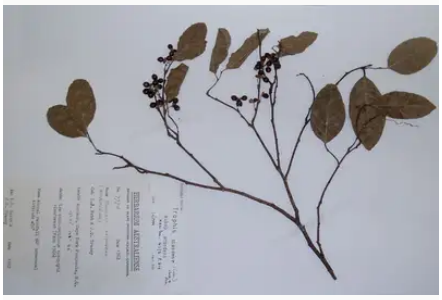
NOTES

Rubbing against the stem can cause a burning sensation which can last for a while. There is one Malaisa species.

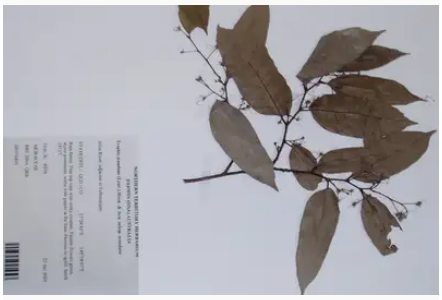
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