PLANT FACT SHEET

Mallotus peltatus (Geiseler) Mull.Arg.

GENUS *Mallotus* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Hillside bitter tea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

The leaves are used for tea. They have a good flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 10 m high. The leaves are alternate. They are broadly oval and 5-15 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped or heart shaped. The edges are wavy and have teeth. The flowers are small and without petals. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit are round capsules 1.4 cm across. They have bristles and orange glands. The seeds are round.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests along streams in Asia.

NOTES

Medicine. It is used to help against obesity.

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