PLANT FACT SHEET

Psychotria eminiana (Kuntze) E. M. A. Petit

GENUS *Psychotria* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are cooked with ashes to produce a slimy vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It has a woody rhizome. It grows 2-4 m tall. The leaves are opposite and simple. They are velvety underneath. The leaves are oval to round and 3-25 cm long by 2-13 cm wide. There are many flowers in a group. The fruit is round, 2 lobed and fleshy. It is 5-7 mm long by 7-10 mm wide. The seeds are a flattened round shape and 4.5 mm across. They are dark brown. It is a variable plant.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in woodland. It is usually on dry burnt ground or stony hills. It grows between 480-1,650 m altitude.

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