PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Olax dissitiflora* Oliver

**GENUS** *Olax* **FAMILY** Olacaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Small-fruited olax

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub or small tree. It grows 5-7 m tall. It has lax drooping branches. The bark is grey. The leaves are narrowly oval. They are 1.5-5 cm long by 0.5-2.5 cm wide. The flowers are white and small. They are 10 mm long. They occur either singly or in loose clusters. The flower stalks are longer and slender. The fruit are round or oval and 7-9 mm long. The become orange or red when ripe.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in dense bush and sometimes along the edge of streams. It occurs on low altitudes and hot areas.

## NOTES

There are about 40 Olax species. They are tropical.

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