PLANT FACT SHEET

Mouriri myrtifolia Spruce ex Triana

GENUS *Mouriri* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Waracu-pomi-yi-yek

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grow 11 m high. The crown has many branches. The leaves are 4-11 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are dark green above and dull underneath. The flowers occur as 1-3 together in the axils of the leaves. The fruit are orange and turn deep red. They are about 1 cm high. There is one seed. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist forests and can be in areas that are occasionally flooded. They are often near streams. They grow from low elevations to 1,220 m altitude.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Memecylaceae.

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