PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesa persicifolia A. Gray

GENUS *Maesa* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Mbutambuta

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten especially by children.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or compact tree. It grows 1-10 m high. It can lie over or become a creeper. The flowers are yellow or white. The fruit are waxy white or dull yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to 1,200 m altitude. It can grow in dense or open forest.

NOTES

There are about 200 Maesa species. They are mostly tropical. They are also put in the family Maesaceae. They are also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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