PLANT FACT SHEET

Salacia erecta (G. Don.) Walp.

GENUS *Salacia* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Thicket lemon-rope

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. The branches can be climbing. It grows to 5-8 m tall. The stems are angular. The leaves are opposite or alternate on climbing branches. The leaves are green but more pale underneath. They are 5-11 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are oval and taper at the tip. There are 1-5 flowers in a group in the axils of leaves. The fruit are orange and are 3 lobed but become round with age. They are 2-3 cm across. There are 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from 50-1,700 m above sea level. It is an understorey tree in the forest.

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