PLANT FACT SHEET

Mallotus floribundus (Blume) Muell-Arg.

GENUS *Mallotus* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue blade tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Spice

A tea drink is made from the leaves.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-10 m high. The small branches are slender and red. The leaves are alternate and oval. They are 12-19 cm long by 9-15 cm wide. The male and female flowers are separate. The fruit are about 1.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in secondary and flooded forests. It grows in tropical evergreen broad-leaved forests. It grows in hilly country below 500-600 m altitude. It needs well-drained soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 140 Mallotus species. They grow in the tropics.

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