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# *Ixora brachypoda* DC.

**GENUS** *Ixora* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It has a single stem. It grows 6 m high. It can be a small tree with a trunk 60 cm around. The leaves are 8-37 cm long by 5-14 cm wide. They are oval and leathery and dull. There are many flowers in a group. The flowers have a scent. The fruit are 8 mm across. They are red or orange. They turn purplish-black.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamp forest and damp locations in West Africa. In southern Africa it grows between 1,200-1,500 m altitude.

## NOTES

There are about 400 Ixora species. They grow in tropical countries.

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