PLANT FACT SHEET

Breynia cernua (Poir.) Mull.Arg.

GENUS *Breynia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2 m tall. The leaves are arranged along a twig to make them look like a compound leaf. The leaves are 25-40 cm long by 15-23 mm wide. The male flowers form a column in the centre of the flower. The fruit are 5-8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In northern Australia it grows up to 800 m above sea level.

NOTES

The leaves are used as medicine.
Also put in the family Euphorbiaceae.
This name may be changed to Phyllanthus.

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