PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Pternandra caerulescens Jack

GENUS *Pternandra* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Cursed shade

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 16-30 m tall. The trunk can be 30 cm across. The leaves are opposite. The leaves are 7-10 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. Young leaves are purplish. The flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and 1 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are purple to black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and freshwater swamp forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown by seeds.

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