PLANT FACT SHEET

Ixora timorensis Decne.

GENUS *Ixora* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Currant bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
CAUTION: Too many fruit make the tongue raw/dry.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It has many stems. It grows 1.5-6 m tall and spreads 1-3 m wide. The leaves are opposite and dark green. The leaves are smooth and large and broad. The leaf blade is 9-23 cm long by 3.5-11.5 cm wide. They are dark green above and paler underneath. The tip is pointed. The flowers are white and like tubes. They are 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide. They occur in clusters which are up to 15 cm across. They are at the ends of branches. The fruit are smooth round berries. They are 0.5-0.7 cm across. They are black when ripe. These contain 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow naturally in coastal monsoon vine-forests. It grows in beach and monsoon forest. It grows from sea level to 200 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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