PLANT FACT SHEET

Blakea parasitica (Aubl.) D. Don

GENUS *Blakea* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that grows attached to other plants. It grows 4 m tall. The trunk is 5-6 cm across. The flowers are red to purple. The fruit are berries. They are red. The seeds are sticky.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics.

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