PLANT FACT SHEET

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

Psychotria capitulifera Merr. & Perry

GENUS *Psychotria* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 3-6 m tall. The bark is dark brown and smooth. The leaves are narrowly oval and have small tip at the end. They are 15-20 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. The flower petals are white with purple tips. They have pink bracts. The fruit are red to brown and oval.

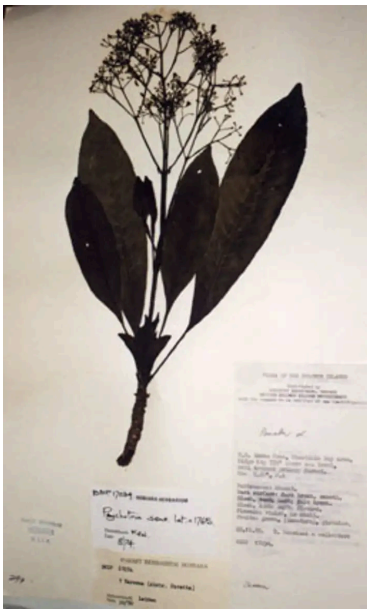
HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the lowland rainforest. It has been recorded in Santa Isabel in Solomon Islands.

NOTES

There are about 900-1700 Psychotria species. They grow in the tropics. There are about 217 species in tropical America. Many species contain alkaloids and other chemicals.
Psychotria capitulifera is recorded from Colombia.
Collected on Isabel by Brass. Specimen in Harvard herbarium.

PICTURES



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