PLANT FACT SHEET

Coptosperma neurophyllum (S. Moore) Degreef

GENUS *Coptosperma* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 2-8 m tall. The young branches are square in cross section. The bark can be red brown. The leaf blades are yellowish-green and 5-11 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. They are wedge shaped at the base. They are leathery and shiny above. The flower cluster is at the top of the plant. The flowers have a strong scent. They are yellowish-green. The fruit is 4-5 mm across and has one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on rocky outcrops and in river gorges. It is often on termite mounds. It grows between 300-1,600 m altitude.

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