PLANT FACT SHEET

Scurrula cordifolia (Wall.) G. Don

GENUS *Scurrula* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - masticatory

The ripe fruit are chewed as betle nut.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It is robust and grows as a parasite on other plants. The leaves are alternate and oblong to oval. They are 5.5 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are whitish and the base is heart shaped. The flowers are condensed and 5 cm wide. They are in groups at the nodes on old branches. There are 30-40 flowers in a group. The flowers are pale yellow. The fruit are round or cone shaped. They have yellow hairs. They are 6 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry deciduous and moist deciduous forests as a parasite.

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