PLANT FACT SHEET

Bridelia stipularis (L.) Blume

GENUS *Bridelia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also used to make pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that often lies over. The branches are slender, hang down and are covered with soft brown hairs. The leaves are many and thin. They are carried alternately and the end ones are much smaller. They are covered with fine soft hairs. The flowers are in small compact more or less rounded clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit are nearly black when ripe and have an enlarged group of outer leaves which stay on the fruit.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is common in some areas of the Philippines. In NE India it grows up to 500 m altitude. In southern China it grows near rivers from 100-1,500 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India plants flower and fruit September to March.

NOTES

There are about 60 Bridelia species.

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