PLANT FACT SHEET

Psydrax umbellata (Wight) Bridson

GENUS *Psydrax* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Umbelled canthium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The bark is yellowish grey and has shallow cracks. The young branches are 4 sided. The leaves are simple and opposite. The leaves are oval and have a sharp tip. The leaf blade is 8-15 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers are white and have a scent. They are in a group with stalks from the same point. They are in the axils of leaves. The fruit is oval. It is 1.2 cm long and black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry to moist deciduous forest.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India it flowers September to December. (February to August)

NOTES

There are about 200 Canthium species.

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