PLANT FACT SHEET

Pipturus albidus A. Gray ex H. Mann

GENUS *Pipturus* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Fruit

The fruit are edible but have little taste.
The leaves are used to make tea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It grows 3-10 m tall. Male and female flowers are separate but usually on the same plant. The fruit are white and like raspberries.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in wet forest from sea level to 1,870 m above sea level. It needs a moist, well-drained soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are removed from the pulp by putting them into a plastic bag to soften. They can be washed in water and viable seeds sink. Plants can be grown from cuttings 10-15 cm long.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower and fruit throughout the year. Plants can commence producing fruit when 2 years old.

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