PLANT FACT SHEET

Miconia calvescens DC.

GENUS *Miconia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Velvet tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m tall. The leaves are large and can be 1 m long. The leaves are purple and green with white veins. The flowers are in large panicles. They are white or pink. The fruit are small and purple. They are about 1 cm across. They are filled with many very small seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seeds can be produced in large numbers and lie dormant in the soil for 12 years. They need sun to germinate.

NOTES

It can be invasive.

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