PLANT FACT SHEET

Breynia lanceolata (Hook.f.) Welzen & Pruesapan

GENUS *Breynia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Egg katuk bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It grows 6-10 m tall. The trunk can be 4-12 cm across. The leaves are oval and 4-14 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit are a flattened round shaped. These are fleshy. They are 2 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests and up to 1,000 m above sea level. It can be up to 1,750 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Euphorbiaceae.

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