PLANT FACT SHEET

Bridelia tenuifolia Mull. Arg.

GENUS *Bridelia* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Tender sweetberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or tree. It can grow to 10 m high. The bark is dark grey and rough. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 4-11 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They have a velvety surface and are more pale green underneath. The flowers are small and greenish. They are in tight clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit are fleshy and about 7 mm across. They are black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas with a marked dry season. It grows in well-drained sandy soils. It grows between 1,100-1,450 m above sea level. It can tolerate shade. It can grow in arid places.

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