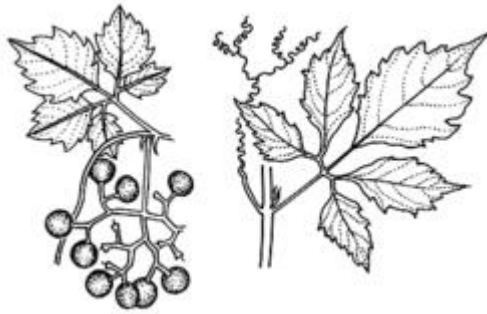


Vitaceae

Cayratia clematidea

Slender Grape



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ETYMOLOGY

(cay-RAY-sha) Vietnamese name for one species; The species clematidea = like genus Clematis Greek small vine

LIFEFORM

Creeper 3-5 m long

STATUS

Well conserved; Common Recorded at >655 Locations:

OCCURS

Townsville, Rockhampton Qld to Bishops Ck NSW

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Open forest, Rainforest, Semi-evergreen/Araucarian Notophyll/Microphyll Vine forests

LEAVES

Alternate, 1-8 x 4 cm, compound 5 leaflets, thin succulent ovate, soft textured with coarsely toothed margins;

FLOWERS

Greenish, 5 mm, insignificant, 4 petals on grouped on common in clusters at end of long stalks; **Flowering Times** Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March

FRUIT

Berries, 5-7 mm, globular, black grape-like with 2-4 seeds; **Fruiting Times** Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April, June

ROOTS

Rootstock bearing small tubers each about 3 x 2 cm, tendrils

STEM

Weak climbers with long tendrils; Older stems are angular; Fleshy striate slender much branched stems;

ETHNOBOTANY

Edible berries insipid reasonably palatable may irritate the throat; Cooked or roasted walnut sized roots (tubers) eaten; Useful plant in hanging basket;

INSECTS

Theretra oldenlandiae (Impatiens Hawk Moth), *Acosmeryx anceus*, *Agarista agricola* (Joseph's Coat Moth), *Argyrolepidia subaspera*, *Gnatholibus erotus*, *Hippotion celerio*, *Hippotion scrofa*, *Theretra clotho*, *T. latreillei*, *T. oldenlandiae* (Moth)

BIRD

Lewin's Honeyeater, Mistletoe Bird, Wompoo Fruit-dove, Rose Crowned Fruit-dove, Topknot pigeon, Brown Cuckoo-dove, Regent Bowerbird

BUTTERFLY

Phalaenoides glycinae (Grapevine Moth)

INDIGENOUS USES

Root tubers eaten after roasting; Small black fruit eaten raw;

ID FEATURE

Only 5 leaflets regularly toothed, confused with Balloon Vine