



Scientific name
Kopsia singaporensis

Common name
Singapore kopsia, White kopsia

Family
Apocynaceae

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National Status: Critically Endangered (CR)

Habitat and Ecology: Lowland forests, especially swamp forest.

Distribution: Restricted to a few tiny populations in the Nee Soon Swamp Forest of the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. This species is endemic (narrowly restricted) only to Peninsular Malaysia and Singapore.

Threats: Degradation of habitat or loss of small populations.

Scientific interest and potential value: This plant makes an ornamental with its compact crown, shiny dark green leaves and striking flowers which have white corollas with a red 'eye'. It is grown as an ornamental tree or shrub in the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Conservation measures: All its localities are protected with the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. It should be propagated further from native Singapore stock.