PLANT FACT SHEET

Actinidia eriantha Benth.

GENUS *Actinidia* **FAMILY** Actinidiaceae

COMMON NAMES Velvet vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing vine. It grows to 10 m long. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are pale underneath. Male and female flowers occur on separate plants. The flowers are red. The fruit are up to 3.5 cm long x 3 cm wide. They have white fuzz over the skin. They contain many small seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It occurs naturally in SE China in thickets at 250 - 1000 metres altitude. It is sensitive to frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 40-60 Actinidia species. The Actinidiaceae are a mainly tropical family.

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