PLANT FACT SHEET

Artabotrys velutinus Scott-Elliot

GENUS *Artabotrys* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A creeper or climbing shrub. It grows 3-8 m long. The stems have dense rusty coloured hairs. The leaves are oblong to sword shaped and 5-15 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 1-9 flowers on hooked stalks. The fruit are green and turn red. They are oval and 1.3-1.9 cm long by 0.8-1.3 cm wide. There are 1-2 seeds. The seeds are dark.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Sierra Leone it has been recorded at 1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower in June.

NOTES

The leaves are used as medicine.

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