PLANT FACT SHEET

Moullava digyna (Rottler) Gagnon & G. P. Lewis

GENUS *Moullava* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Teri pods

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Pods, Seeds

The fruit are cooked in ashes and eaten.
CAUTION: The pods are rich in tannin.

DESCRIPTION

A thorny slightly climbing bush. It grows 2-6 m tall. Young parts have rusty brown hairs. The branches have prickles that curve back. The leaves are 17-23 cm long. They have 8-13 pairs of leaflet stalks along the main stalk then 7-12 pairs of leaflets along these. Flowers are in groups at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. The petals are yellow. The pods are brown and 4-5 cm long by 2 cm wide. There are 2-4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open forest and cleared land. It occurs below 1200 m altitude in the tropics. In China it grows near sea shores between 200-300 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 150 Caesalpinia species. They grow in the tropics and subtropics. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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