PLANT FACT SHEET

Mussaenda pubescens Aiton f.

GENUS *Mussaenda* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Jade-leaf gold-flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

The leaves are gathered and dried and then used fresh for a cooling tea or saved and used as a tea substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A low shrub. The small branches have some soft hairs. The leaves are papery. They are oval and 9-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowers are golden yellow and in groups at the ends of branches. The fruit are oval and 10-15 mm long by 6-11 mm wide. They are black when ripe. The seeds are very small.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in forests at low to medium altitudes throughout Taiwan. In southern China it grows between 100-900 m above sea level.

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