PLANT FACT SHEET

Ampelopsis glandulosa var. brevipedunculata

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GENUS *Ampelopsis* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Porcelain berry, Blueberry climber, Pepper vine, Turquoise-berry vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The leaf buds are eaten cooked.
The leaves and stems are eaten cooked.
The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A climber which grows up to 20 m long. It climbs with twisting tendrils. It loses its leaves during the year. Leaves are alternate and have lobes. They have teeth around the edge. The leaves are 8-13 cm long. They are an attractive bright green. Flowers are light green and produced in clusters. The fruit is carried in small bunches. Fruit are 6-8 mm across. The fruit can be white, pink, green or blue. They turn black when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in thickets in hills all over Japan. It needs a warm sheltered position in full sun. The need a fertile porous soil. It can grow in light shade. It cannot tolerate water logging. It can survive frosts. It does best with a pH of 6-6.5. It suits hardiness zones 4-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seed, cuttings or layering. Softwood or hardwood cuttings can be used. It should be near a wall or trellis.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower from July to August and fruit September to October.

NOTES

There are about 20-25 Ampelopsis species.

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