PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhynchosia volubilis Lour.

GENUS *Rhynchosia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Rat-eyes

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A climbing herb that keeps growing from year to year. The branches are thin and wire like. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The end leaflets is diamond shaped and the side leaflets are oblique. They are 2-6 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are small and yellow. The pods have 2 seeds. The pods are 1-1.5 cm long by 7-8 mm wide. The seeds are usually black and shiny.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In southern China it grows between 200-1,000 m above sea level.

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