PLANT FACT SHEET

Combretum alfredii Hance

GENUS *Combretum* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Sze Kwan Che T'ang

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A creeper. It climbs 6 m tall. The bark is grey. There are scales on young parts of the plant. The small branches and leaf stalks have a yellow covering. The leaves are almost opposite. The leaf stalks are 7-15 mm long. The leaf blade is broadly oval and 10-20 cm long by 4-11 cm wide. The flowering spikes are at the ends of branches and in the axils of leaves. These can be 5-15 cm long. The flowers have a sweet smell. The petals are yellow or white. The fruit are red or purple when ripe. They are about 2.5 cm across and have wings. They are yellow or orange and scaly.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 800 m altitude in southern China.

NOTES

There are about 255 Combretum species.

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