PLANT FACT SHEET

Gynochthodes umbellata (L.) Razafim. & B. Bremer

GENUS *Gynochthodes* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Vomit vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The ripe fruit are eaten.
The green fruit are curried.
The leaves are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrubby climber. A climbing or twining plant. The branches can be hairy and can become weakly angled. They are bluish-black to reddish-brown. The leaves are opposite and shiny. They are sword shaped to oblong and 6-9 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are in clusters of 6-12 at the ends of branches. The flowers are 1 cm across. They are white and have a scent. The fruit are irregular shaped and 1.5 cm across. They are orange colour.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In China it grows in forests on mountains and along streams between 300-1,200 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 80 Morinda species. They grow in the tropics.

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