PLANT FACT SHEET

Anodendron parviflorum (Roxb.) I.M.Turner

GENUS *Anodendron* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Andamese bowstring plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A woody creeper. It grows 20 m long. The bark is brown. The leaf stalks are 3 cm long. The leaves are narrowly oval and 14-28 cm long by 1-10 cm wide. They are wedge shaped or rounded at the base. The flower panicles are 15 cm long. The flowers are small and tube shaped and white or yellow. They are in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit are large follicles in pairs. These can be 16 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are black when ripe. The seeds are small and flattened and 1-2 cm long by 6-8 mm wide. These have a silky tuft attached.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry deciduous forests. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India it flowers and fruits February to October.

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