PLANT FACT SHEET

Fissistigma polyanthum (Hook.f. & Thomson) Merrill

GENUS *Fissistigma* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A cane or creeping plant. It has a woody texture. The shrub or vine is about 8 m long. The roots are grey or black. They have a smell when cut. The leaves are 6-17.5 cm long and 2-7.5 cm wide. The leaf has easy to see veins. The leaf is hairy underneath. The flowers are small and in fan shaped bunches. These have 3-7 flowers. There are 6 petals in 2 rings. The fruit are round. They are covered with fine yellow hairs. The fruit are 1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in montane forests, often in ravines between 100-1200 m altitude in southern China. In Yunnan.

NOTES

Roots and leaves are used in medicine. There are about 60 Fissistigma species.

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