PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Landolphia buchananii* (Hallier f.) Stapf

**GENUS** *Landolphia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Apricot vine, Rubber vine

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten. The pulp has a sour sweet taste.
The fruit has been used to make jam.

## DESCRIPTION

A liana or climbing shrub. It grows 25-40 m high. The stems are 25 cm across. The stems are deeply fluted, looking like ropes. The bark is brown with grey spots. The leaves are thin and 5-12 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The lower leaf surface has shallow cracks. It often has tendrils. The flowers are at the ends of stems and in the axils of leaves. They can be a few to many flowers. The flower tube is white and there is pink under the lobes. The fruit are 8-10 cm across and edible. The seeds are 8-17 mm long.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest, mountain forest and along rivers. It suits humid locations. In Malawi it grows between 650-2,150 m altitude.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Seeds that have passed through the gut of an animal normally germinate easily. Plants can be grown by cuttings.

## NOTES

There are 55 Landolphia species.

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