PLANT FACT SHEET

Capparis masaikai H. Lev.

GENUS *Capparis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Pamuxiu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten.
The seeds are eaten raw. They are a natural sweetener.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or climber. It grows 7.5 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 7-20 cm long by 4-9 cm wide. The fruit are reddish purple when mature. They are round and 4-6 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They have ribs. There are about 10 seeds per fruit. The seeds are 1.8 cm long by 1.5 cm wide and 1 cm thick.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In southern China it grows in limestone areas below 1,600 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in May and June and fruit in November and December.

NOTES

There are about 250 Capparis species. There are about 50 Capparis species in tropical America.

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