PLANT FACT SHEET

Zanthoxylum scandens Blume

GENUS *Zanthoxylum* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - spice

The fruit are used for flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or woody climber. It has prickles. The leaves have 5-25 leaflets. The leaflets are alternate or opposite. They are 4-10 cm long by 1.5-4 cm wide. The flowering shoots can be at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. The flowers have 4 parts. The petals are pale yellow to green. The fruit are follicles that are purplish red. They are 4.5-5.5 mm across. The seeds are 4-5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Yunnan plants flower March to May and fruit July to August.

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