PLANT FACT SHEET

Streptocaulon juventas (Loureiro) Merrill

GENUS *Streptocaulon* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit

The fruit is used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper. It grows up to 8 m long. The leaves are broadly oval and 7-15 cm long by 3-10 cm wide. The flowering shoots are 4-20 cm long. The flowers are in dense clusters. They are greenish-yellow outside and yellow-brown inside. The fruit are follicles 7-13 cm long by 5-10 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain forests often clinging to trees between 300-1,000 m above sea level in southern China. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

Used in medicine.

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