PLANT FACT SHEET

Pegia nitida Colebr.

GENUS *Pegia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

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EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The young leaves are eaten as a vegetable.
The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that often leans over. It can be a woody climber. It is hairy. The leaves are compound. They are 20-40 cm long with leaflets along the stalk and one at the end. The leaflets are 4-11 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are small and white. They have a sweet scent. The fruit is fleshy and small and oblong. They are black when ripe. They are 10 mm long by 8 mm wide.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It grows in scrub forests in Assam up to 1,300 m above sea level. In southern China it grows in lowland hill forests between 500-1,800 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Thailand it flowers and fruits January to May.

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