PLANT FACT SHEET

Gouania polygama (Jacq.) Urb.

GENUS *Gouania* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

The leaves are used like hops to flavour beer.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 4-15 m long. It has tendrils. The stems are greyish and 3 cm across. The branches are green and have a rusty coating. The leaves are alternate and 7-15 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. The flowers are in groups 15-18 cm long. The leaves are 3 winged. The seeds are oval and light brown. They are 3 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

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