PLANT FACT SHEET

Taxotrophis taxoides (B.Heyne ex Roth) Chew ex E.M.Gardner

GENUS *Taxotrophis* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Fig-lime

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten as a vegetable.
The leaves are cooked in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-3 m tall. The small branches are curved. There are hairs on one side. There are spines 1-2 cm long. The leaves are oblong or sword shaped and 2-8 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The flowering shoots are in the axils of leaves. Male flowers are in groups and female flowers occur singly. The fruit is round and 4-5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in scrub and on sunny mountain slopes at low elevations. It grows up to 300 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in April to May. In India fruit are available March to June.

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