PLANT FACT SHEET

Embelia frondosa (King ex Gamble) D.G.Long

GENUS *Embelia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It lies along the ground. The branches have rusty hairs. The branches are angled. The leaves are narrowly oval and 15-30 cm long by 6-9 cm wide. They have rusty hairs underneath. The flowers are dull yellowish-green. The fruit are round, red and 3-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in evergreen broad-leaved forests between 2,000-2,700 m above sea level in SW China.

NOTES

There are 132 Embelia species. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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