PLANT FACT SHEET

Piper boehmeriifolium (Miq.) C. DC.

GENUS *Piper* **FAMILY** Piperaceae

COMMON NAMES False-nettle leaved pepper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 1-3 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 11-24 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. Plants are separately male and female. The flower spikes are opposite the leaves or near the ends in male plants. The male spikes are 10-16 cm long by 2-3 mm wide. The female spikes are 6-12 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Sikkim it grows in forests between 500-2,200 m above sea level.

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