PLANT FACT SHEET

Amalocalyx microlobus Pierre ex Spire

GENUS *Amalocalyx* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Maxinha, Xiyai

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten mixed with seasoning or salt.

DESCRIPTION

A herbaceous climber. It is an evergreen vine. It has a grey covering. The leaves are narrowly oval and 5-15 cm long by 2-11 cm wide. They taper to a sharp tip. The leaf stalk is 1-2 cm long. The flowers are light purple-red. There are 15-20 flowers in a group 6-12 cm long. The fruit are follicles 11 cm long and 1 cm wide. The seeds are round with yellowish-brown hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests, often clinging to trees between 600-1400 m altitude. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There is only one Amalocalyx species.

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