PLANT FACT SHEET

Mackaya neesiana (Wall.) Das

GENUS *Mackaya* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Obul-oing, Paco

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stem

The leaves are used as a pot-herb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 1 m tall. The stem is 4 angled. The leaf blades are narrowly oval and 4-25 cm long by 2-11 cm wide. The flowers are in a spike at the top. The flowers are in long loose groups. These can be 50 cm long. The fruit is a capsule. The fruit is a capsule 1.8-2.8 cm long. There are 4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on broad-leaved evergreen forests and near streams. In southern China it grows between 100-1,800 m above sea level.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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