PLANT FACT SHEET

Taxillus chinensis (DC.) Danser

GENUS *Taxillus* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten fresh.
The leaves are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows up to 1 m tall. Young stems and leaves have a grey coating. The leaves are opposite and oval. They are 3-6 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are papery. The fruit is an oval berry. It is 8-10 mm long by 5-6 mm wide. It grows on a range of plants including longan, figs, rubber, litchi, mulberry and peach.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Yunnan in China. It grows in a range of locations from forests to gardens and plantations. It grows between 100-400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Yunnan fruit are harvested between August and October.

NOTES

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