PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhinacanthus nasutus (L.) Kurz

GENUS *Rhinacanthus* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Snake jasmine, Dainty spurs

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stems, Leaves - tea, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 1.5 m tall. The stems are stout and 4 angled. They are hairy when young. The leaves are narrowly oval and 2-7 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They are hairy underneath. The edges can be wavy. The flowers are in panicles 50 cm long at the ends of the branches or in the axils of leaves. They are greenish-white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests and is cultivated around villages in southern China below 700 m above sea level. In Brisbane Botanical gardens. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or by cuttings.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

PICTURES



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