PLANT FACT SHEET

Stixis suaveolens (Roxburgh) Pierre

GENUS *Stixis* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Mottled-fruit vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea, Seeds - spice

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are sweet and have a smell.
The leaves are used as a tea substitute.
The seeds are used as a spice.

DESCRIPTION

A vine. It is woody and grows 1-15 m long. The side branches are stout. The branches are speckled. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 15-28 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. The base is round. The leaves are deep green above and paler underneath with raised white dots. The leaf stalks are 2-3 cm long. The flowers are pale yellow and 5-6 mm long. They have a sweet scent. There are 15-25 flowers in a group. The fruit is fleshy and covered with yellow hairs. It is oblong and 3-5 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The fruit is yellow and mottled.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows up to 1500 m altitude in Yunnan, China. It grows in secondary forest.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China it flowers in April to May and fruits August to October. In Northeastern India (Tripura) fruit are available May to July.

NOTES

Also called Capparidaceae.

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