PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum thesioides (Freyn) K.Schum.

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Temegen huhu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The young fruit are used as a vegetable. They are also used for pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It can be a creeper and has rhizomes. It is hairy. The stems are erect or the upper part can be twining. The leaves are opposite and without leaf stalks. They are 3-10 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The fruit are follicles 5-6 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The seeds are oval.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Inner Mongolia. In north China it grows in open disturbed sites and sand dunes from sea level to 3,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 150 Cynanchum species.

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