PLANT FACT SHEET

Cassytha flava Nees

GENUS *Cassytha* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Dodder laurel, Bush dodder, Love vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

CAUTION: The fruit contain small quantities of a poisonous alkaloid and should not be eaten in large quantities. The alkaloid can cause abortion and should not therefore be eaten by pregnant women.

DESCRIPTION

A twining plant. The stems are greenish-brown to yellow-orange. Plants have small suckers along the stem which attach to trees. The leaves are very small and scale like. The flowers are yellow. The fruit have a succulent outer part. There is one seed inside. The fruit are 6-7 mm long. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate places. It is usually in areas with winter rain.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seeds germinate on the ground but then parasitise trees.

NOTES

There are 15-20 Cassytha species. Sometimes they are in the family Cassythaceae.

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