PLANT FACT SHEET

Uvaria purpurea Blume

GENUS *Uvaria* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES String banana vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are sweet. They can be used for preserves.

DESCRIPTION

This is a woody vine. It grows 10 m long. The twigs are red and hairy. The leaves are alternate, hairy and pointed at the tip while rounded at the base. They are 12 to 15 cm long. The flowers are large and red. The fruit are borne in clusters from a disk like structure. The fruit smell. They have light yellow flesh.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the edges of forests. They occur from Luxon to Palawan in the Philippines but are apparently rare.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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