PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhynchotechum vestitum Wall. ex C. B. Clarke

GENUS *Rhynchotechum* **FAMILY** Gesneriaceae

COMMON NAMES Re-gong-chu, Mao xian zhu ju tai

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are cooked as a vegetable mixed with sodium bicarbonate.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. The stems are 1-2 m high. The base of the stems is smooth and creamy yellow. The leaves are opposite. The leaf stalk is 2-4.5 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and 13-28.5 cm long by 54.-12 cm wide. It has a rough surface. There are teeth along the edge. It tapers to the tip. There are 5-15 flowers in the flowering cluster. The flower stalk is 0.8-1.5 cm long. The flowers are red. The fruit is a white berry 305 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in shaded forests near streams between 800-1300 m altitude in China. In Yunnan.

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