PLANT FACT SHEET

Smilax rigida Wall. ex Kunth.

GENUS *Smilax* **FAMILY** Smilacaceae

COMMON NAMES Putali jhar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

Tender shoots are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It has many branches. The leaves are stalked. They are 1.6-2.5 cm long by 1.2-2.5 cm wide. They are oval and taper to the tip. They are leathery. The flowers are small and greenish. The fruit is a berry. It is black when ripe.

HABITAT

In Nepal plants grow from 2100-2900 m altitude. It grows in temperate forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 300 Smilax species.

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