PLANT FACT SHEET

Dendrophthoe falcata (L. f.) Ettingshausen

GENUS *Dendrophthoe* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Red mistletoe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flower sap

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh. The flower juice is also eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub which grows attached to other plants. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are nearly opposite. They are 3-19 cm long by 1.2-10 cm wide. They vary in shape and size. They are oval, smooth and leathery. Flowers are stalked and red. The fruit is a berry.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Nepal plants grow between 600-1800 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 30 Dendrophthoe species. They are in the tropics.

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