PLANT FACT SHEET

Piper nepalense Miquel

GENUS *Piper* **FAMILY** Piperaceae

COMMON NAMES Pipli

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is used as spices.

DESCRIPTION

A slender climber. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are 4-13.5 cm long by 1.5-8 cm wide. They are oval to sword shaped. They are thinly leathery. The base is rounded. The flowers are green and in spikes which occur singly. The fruit is a berry. It is oval and pointed.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 200-2000 m altitude. It grows in steep, rocky, shady places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or root offshoots.

NOTES

There are between 1000-2000 Piper species. They are mostly in the tropics.

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