PLANT FACT SHEET

Phlogacanthus curviflorus Nees

GENUS *Phlogacanthus* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild nongmangkha

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The young flowers are eaten as a vegetable. They are boiled with rice. They are also dried. They are also pounded and used as a spice or condiment.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3-6 m tall. The leaves are oblong and 12-35 cm long by 9-18 cm wide. They are hairy along the veins underneath. The flowers are at the top of the plant. They are in groups 14-18 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. The flowers are pink or red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in ravines and on the edge of forests between 400-1,600 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

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