PLANT FACT SHEET

Olax nana Wall. ex Brandis

GENUS *Olax* **FAMILY** Olacaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The leaves are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It has a woody rootstock. The shoots are upright and green. They are 60 cm tall and ribbed. The leaves are sword shaped and have short stalks. The leaves are 3-6 cm long by 6-14 mm wide. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves and are white. The fruit are fleshy and about 8 mm across. They are yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is an undershrub in the grasslands in the sub-himalayan tract up to 1,900 m altitude in Pakistan.

NOTES

There are about 40 Olax species. They are tropical.

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