PLANT FACT SHEET

Sauropus macranthus Hassk.

GENUS *Sauropus* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Pumpkin bush tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3-4 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 4-20 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are wedge shaped or rounded at the base. The flowers are in the axils of leaves and there can be one or several flowers in a group. The fruit stalks are 9-13 cm long and the fruit are round with lobes and 1.5 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. They are red. There are 1-3 white seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in broad-leaved forests between 500-1,500 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Euphorbiaceae.

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