PLANT FACT SHEET

Urceola polymorpha Pierre ex Spire

GENUS *Urceola* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES River-leaf

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit - flavouring, Vegetable

The leaves and fruit are acidic and used in cooking as a substitute for lemon. They are also used to make soup with fish or chicken. It adds a sour taste.

DESCRIPTION

A liana or creeper or vine. It keeps growing from year to year. It has white latex or sap. It gros up to 4 m long. The leaves are oval and entire. The leaf stalks are short. They are arranged opposite. The leaves can be 3-10 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The base of the leaf is heart shaped and the tip is pointed. The flowers are pink or white in groups. They are near the top of the stems. The fruit is a follicle 8-15 cm long by 5-8 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in limestone regions. It grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level in south Vietnam. It grows near the edge of forests.

NOTES

There is only on Aganonerion species.

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