PLANT FACT SHEET

Euphorbia antiquorum L.

GENUS *Euphorbia* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Malayan tree spurge

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

CAUTION: Plants in this group are somewhat poisonous. The latex is poisonous.
A sweetmeat is made from the leaves. They are boiled, then soaked in water for 2 hours, then reboiled with sugar and the latex removed.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent tree. It grows 8 m tall. It has stiff 3-6 angled branches. These have succulent tissue inside a woody layer. The leaves are small and fall. The spiny stipules remain.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in drier places. It can be on rocky limestone hills. It grows up to 800 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 2000 Euphorbia species. Most Euphorbias have sap which irritates the skin.

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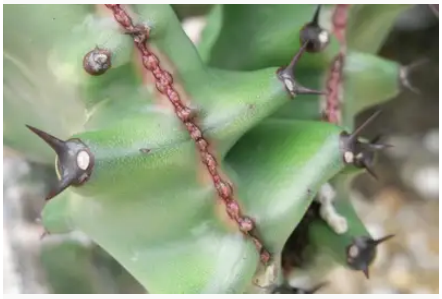

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