PLANT FACT SHEET

Psydrax dicoccos Gaertn.

GENUS *Psydrax* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Ceylon boxwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 15 m tall. The branches are compressed or 4 sided. The leaves are oval and 4-10 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are greenish-white or pale yellow and funnel shaped. The fruit are oval and 8-10 mm across by 6-8 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen and moist deciduous forest between 100-600 m in southern China. It can grow up to 1,900 m above sea level in more tropical places. It is often near streams. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China it flowers January to August and fruits June to November. In India they are produced February to May.

NOTES

There are about 200 Canthium species.

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