PLANT FACT SHEET

Secamone emetica (Retz.) R. Br. ex Schult.

GENUS *Secamone* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Emetic secamone

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten both ripe and unripe.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It grows 8 m long. The leaves are 4-6 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and pointed at the tip. The base narrows into the stalk. The edges are curved under. They are velvety underneath. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. The seed pods are in pairs. They are 7.5 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. They are blunt at the base and taper to the tip.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forested hills.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In south India plants flower July to October.

NOTES

The roots are used in medicine.

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