PLANT FACT SHEET

Telosma cordata (N. L. Burman) Merrill

GENUS *Telosma* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Night-scented flower, Fragrant telosma, Night-coming scent

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers, Fruit, Roots

The young leaves and flowers are eaten in soup. It is also stir fried with egg.
A sweet meat is made out of the roots.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climbing creeper. The stems are slender. They are hairy. The leaf stalks are 4-6 cm long. The leaves are broadly heart shaped. They are thin and often wrinkled. They are pointed at the tip. The flower buds are pale green. They open to yellow 5 petalled flowers. They have a scent at night. The fruit are slender pods and 10-14 cm long. The seeds are up to 1 cm long. They are grey-brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is best in full sun. It does well in hot, dry, lowland tropical locations. It needs a well drained and fertile soil. It grows in limestone areas. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by cuttings, layering or seed.

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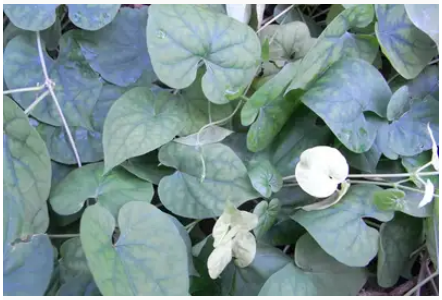

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