PLANT FACT SHEET

Smilax excelsa L.

GENUS *Smilax* **FAMILY** Smilacaceae

COMMON NAMES Catbriers

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Leaves, Fruit, Flowers

The leaves are used for sarma in Turkey. They are rolled around a filling of rice or minced meat.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It can grow 20 m high. The leaves are arrow shaped with short leaf stalks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in deciduous forests.

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