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Smilax corbularia Kunth

GENUS *Smilax* **FAMILY** Smilacaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

A climbing vine. The stems are branched and 3-9 m long. The leaf stalk has a narrow wing for part of its length. The leaves are oblong to narrowly oval and 4-14 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowering arrangement is a single flat topped group. Male and female flowers are separate. The fruit are dark red, round berries 6-7 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It south China it grows from sea level to 1,600 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or rhizomes.

NOTES

It is used as a medicinal plant in Thailand. The roots have oestrogens.

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