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Secamone punctulata Decne

GENUS *Secamone* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root - tea

DESCRIPTION

A climber or small shrub. It can climb into trees. The leaves have short stalks. The leaves are 1.3-5 cm long by 0.1-2 cm wide. The base is rounded. There are several flowering shoots 5-20 mm long by 2-25 mm wide. They are orange to yellow and have a sweet scent. The fruit are follicles 4.5-5.5 cm long by 0.3-0.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dense forest. In Somalia it has been recorded at 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 80 Secamone species. They are in Africa with most in Madagascar. Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae. It is used as medicine.

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