PLANT FACT SHEET

Smilax polyandra (Gagnepain) P. Li & C.X.Fu

GENUS *Smilax* **FAMILY** Smilacaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Flowers

The leaves are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A vine. The stems are branched, woody and climbing. It has tendrils. The leaves are narrowly oval and 5-13 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. There are 10-30 flowers in a group. The fruit are berries 9 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dense forests between 100-1,800 m above sea level in southern China. In Yunnan.

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