PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum blyttioides Liede

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have a nutty flavour and are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An erect twining shrub. It grows 50-75 cm tall. The bark is greyish. The leaves are 3-8 mm long by 2-5 mm wide. The flowers are in groups of 2-6 flowers. They are green. The fruit are follicles that hang down. They are 35 mm long by 7 mm wide. The seeds are oval and 6 mm long by 3.5 mm wide. They have wings and are hairy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Somalia it grows between 700-850 m altitude on limestone hills.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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