PLANT FACT SHEET

Smilax megacarpa A DC

GENUS *Smilax* **FAMILY** Smilacaceae

COMMON NAMES Da guo ba qia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Rhizome, Root

The fruit are conserved and eaten.
The rhizome is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing vine. It usually does not have prickles. The stem is branched. It is 10 m long and woody. The leaf stalk is 1.5-5 cm long and has narrow wings. Tendrils are usually present. The leaf blade is oval and 10-20 cm long by 3-12 cm wide. It is papery. There can be 1-3 flowerings stalks together. They are 3-6 cm long. There can be 6-20 flowers on each stalk. The flowers are greenish yellow. The fruit is a dark red berry. It is round and 1.5-2 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest thickets and shaded slopes from near sea level to 1500 m in southern China. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 300 Smilax species.

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