PLANT FACT SHEET

Salacia fruticosa Wall.

GENUS *Salacia* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The rind of the fruit is eaten. It is sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. The branches are looped. The young shoots are hairy. The leaves are 4-7 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and the base is rounded or wedge shaped. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. The petals are brownish-yellow. The fruit is a berry 2-2.5 cm across. They are red. There are 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In south India the plants flower and fruit February to May.

NOTES

Not in The Plant List with this authority but as an unresolved name with Wall.

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