PLANT FACT SHEET

Scurrula elata (Edgeworth) Danser

GENUS *Scurrula* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

The ripe fruit are eaten.
The young shoots are used to make a tea drink.

DESCRIPTION

A woody parasite. It grows on other plants. It can be a shrub 0.5-1.5 m tall. The leaves have stalks. The leaf blades are 3.5-12.5 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. They are oval and end with a short sharp point. They are leathery. The young branches and young leaves have hairs. The flowers are red and in an umbrella shaped arrangement. The flower stalks are short. The fruit is 6-8 mm long and 4-5 mm across. They are yellowish and smooth.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Nepal they grow between 1600-2700 m altitude. They are on shrubs or trees. In China it grows in mixed forests between 2400-2800 m altitude. They grow on Quercus semecarpifolia and other plants.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 50 Scurrula species. They occur in Asia.

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