PLANT FACT SHEET

Polyalthia suberosa (Roxb.) Thwaites

GENUS *Polyalthia* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Corky debdar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as a fresh vegetable.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree or shrub. It grows 2-4 m high. The bark is thick and corky and deeply ridged. The leaves are oval or oblong and rounded at the tip. The edges are wavy. The leaves are 2-12 cm long and 1-3 cm wide. The flowers are pale yellow. They occur singly among the leaves. The fruit are in clusters. The fruit is reddish-purple. It is 6 mm across. They contain 1 or 2 seeds. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open forest at lower elevations. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India fruit are produced April to November.

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