PLANT FACT SHEET

Cissus hastata Miq.

GENUS *Cissus* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are used in curries to give a sour flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It grows 2-5 m high. The stem and branches are grey and square or have wings. The young leaves are green on top and reddish underneath. They are oblong or triangular narrowing at the tip and heart shaped at the base. They have irregular teeth. The leaves are 5-11 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 1-2.5 cm long. There are tendrils which are thread like and divide. The flower is a compound head in a flat or wavy disk. The 4 petals are 2-2.5 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal tropical regions in Queensland in Australia. It grows in scrubland.

NOTES

There are about 200-350 Cissus species. There are about 75 species in tropical America.

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