PLANT FACT SHEET

Ampelocissus latifolia (Roxb.) Planch.

GENUS *Ampelocissus* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Jungle grapevine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Stem - water

The fruit are eaten raw. They can be sour.
The stems contain drinking water.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climber. It has a fattened rootstock. It has hollow stems. The leaves are roundish and have 3-7 lobes. The tendrils are forked. The flowers are small and reddish-brown. The fruit are oval and 7-8 mm long. They are black when fully ripe. They have 2 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist deciduous forests. It is often in hedges. It grows up to 1,200 m above sea level. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India plants flower and fruit from May to August.

NOTES

There are about 95 Ampelocissus species.
The leaves are used in medicine.

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