PLANT FACT SHEET

Urobotrya latisquama (Gagnepain) Heipko

GENUS *Urobotrya* **FAMILY** Opiliaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain mustard blue, Scaly-tailed shrub

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers are eaten as a delicacy.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It grows 4-7 m high. The bark is rough and yellowish-brown. The leaves are narrowly oblong and 7-13 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The leaves are smooth and without teeth. The flowers are yellow and have 4 parts. They are in long groups 10-20 cm long and grow from the trunk and large branches. They have bracts around them. The fruit is fleshy with a stone inside. It is oblong and 2 cm long by 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It grows in the mountains in southern China. It grows in shade along the edges of forests in valleys. It grows in limestone hills between 200-400 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower April to May.

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