PLANT FACT SHEET

Lonicera acuminata Wall.

GENUS *Lonicera* **FAMILY** Caprifoliaceae

COMMON NAMES Central China honeysuckle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - tea, Leaves, Stem

CAUTION:
The flowering shoots and flowers are used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen or partly deciduous shrub. The stems are hairy and twining. They can scramble 9 m high. The branches usually become hollow. They have stiff, yellow-brown hairs. The leaves are oval or sword shaped. They are 8 cm long and a deep glossy green. The flowers are in pairs and are yellow to red. They are in heads or spikes. The fruit are purplish-black.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is native to the mountains of central and western China. It grows in forests and scrub between 100-3,200 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan. It suits hardiness zones 4-10.

NOTES

There are about 150 Lonicera species.

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