PLANT FACT SHEET

Gnetum parvifolium (Warburg) Chun

GENUS *Gnetum* **FAMILY** Gnetaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain ginkgo, Small-leaved jointfir

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Seeds - oil, Nuts, Fruit

The seeds yield edible oil.
The kernels are eaten boiled or fried.

DESCRIPTION

A coarse woody vine which grows up to 12 m long. It is usually thin and weak. The bark is pale or greyish brown. A coarse woody vine with large opposite leaves. The leaf stalk is 5-8 (-10) mm long and the leaf blade is like a narrow ellipse, or oval. The leaves are pointed at the tip and rounded at the base. They are 10 to 22 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The leaves are leathery with 5-8 (-11) lateral veins on each side. Male flower stalks are simple or once branched. There are 40-70 flowers on a collar and there are 5-10 collars on a flower stalk. There are also some infertile female flowers. The female flower stalk is on old branches and branches once. These flower groups are 10-15 cm long. The fruit occurs in rings. The fruit are red, long and oval. They only have very short stalks. They can be 3 cm long and 1 cm wide. The seeds are black. Each fruit contains a single nut.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in forests between 100 and 1,000 m altitude in China and Vietnam. They are common and widely distributed in the forests of the Philippines. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from stem cuttings.

NOTES

It is also used in medicine. There are about 28 Gnetum species.

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