PLANT FACT SHEET

Artabotrys hexapetalus (Linnaeus f.) Bhandari

GENUS *Artabotrys* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Tail-grape

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - tea

The flowers are used to make a tea drink.
CAUTION: The seeds, leaves and immature fruit are used as an insecticide.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing evergreen shrub. It can grow to 5 m long. The leaves are oval to sword shaped. They are rubbery and glossy. They are 13 cm long and in opposite ranks. The flowers are creamy yellow. They occur singly or in pairs. One of the pair is modified into a hook which helps the plant to climb. The flowers have a sweet banana-like smell. The fruit is in grape like clusters.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 10-12. It suits moist and humid locations. It needs fertile, well drained soil. It does best in full sun. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by air-layering. It needs a strong support to grow over.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing. Flowers are produced in hot months and the rainy season.

NOTES

There are about 100 Artabotrys species. They are shrubby climbers in SE Asia.

It can be invasive in some places.

PICTURES



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