PLANT FACT SHEET

Leptadenia arborea (Forssk.) Schweinf.

GENUS *Leptadenia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - flavouring, Flowers - flavouring

The ripe fruit are eaten.
The leaves, young shoots and flowers are used to flavour soups.

DESCRIPTION

A slender climber. The branches have small hairs near the tips. The leaves are 2-6 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. They vary in shape The flowers are in groups of 5-20 and are greenish-yellow. The fruit are follicles 6-8 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be trained to climb over walls and fences.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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