PLANT FACT SHEET

Geophila repens (Linn.) I. M. Johnston

GENUS *Geophila* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Caua-piri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - drink

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It creeps along the ground. It has underground stems or rhizomes. It forms roots at the nodes. The stems are 20-30 cm long. They have flattened hairs. The flowering shoots are 7.5 cm high. The leaves are kidney shaped with a round tip. They are 3.5 cm long by 5.5 cm wide. There can be some hairs underneath. The leaf stalk is 11.5 cm long. The flowers usually occur singly. They are white. The fruit is a berry. It is 5-12 mm across. It is shiny orange-red when ripe. It has the remains of the calyx at the top.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forest in West Africa and many other tropical places. It grows in shady, wet forest floors. It grows between 300-1,140 m above sea level. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level. In Yunnan. In Calicut Uni BG.

NOTES

There are about 20-30 Geophila species. Most are tropical.

PICTURES



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