PLANT FACT SHEET

Oxyspora paniculata (D. Don) DC.

GENUS *Oxyspora* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Long-tang, Angerig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stem, Leaves

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
The young stem is eaten after removing the bark.
The leaves are also eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows about 3 m high. It has spreading branches. The branches are covered with star shaped hairs. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are 15-25 cm long. The leaves are oval and with shallow rounded teeth. Leaves are round at the base. The flowers are small and deep pink. The fruit is a capsule. It is oval but cut off at the tip.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Nepal they grow between 1300-2000 m altitude. In Northeastern India it grows from 800-2,200 m above sea level. They are common in wet ravines. It grows on stream banks and in moist places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in July to September and fruit January to May.

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