PLANT FACT SHEET

Dicella nucifera Chodat

GENUS *Dicella* **FAMILY** Malpighiaceae

COMMON NAMES Chestnut vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The nuts are eaten fresh or roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A twining vine. It can be 12 m long. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. It climbs to the crowns of the tallest trees. The leaves are simple and papery. They are hairy underneath. The leaves are 5-10 cm long. The flowers are on branched stalks in the axils of leaves. The flowers are red but turn yellow. The fruit is oval and has hairs on the surface. They are 2.5 cm long. These come off easily. There are 2-4 sweet seeds or nuts inside.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the high altitude forests of southern Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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