PLANT FACT SHEET

Uvaria acuminata Oliv.

GENUS *Uvaria* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. The seeds are discarded.
The fruit are squeezed into water to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or climber. It can grow 5 m high. The leaves are usually hairy underneath. The leaves are rounded or heart shaped at the base. It narrows to the tip. The flowers are yellow. They occur singly or in pairs. The fruit are as several warted sections. They are yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Kenya it grows from sea level to 1,400 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania the fruit are collected from July to September.

NOTES

There are about 100-150 Uvaria species. They grow in the tropics. All Uvaria are climbers.

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