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Haematocarpus thompsonii Miers

GENUS *Haematocarpus* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climber. It climbs over tall trees. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are oval and taper to both ends. They are 6-18 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are more pale underneath. The flowers are on the stem. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit are fleshy and 4-5 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The ripe fruit are dark red with red juice.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near the banks of rivers and up to 650 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE India plants flower and fruit April to May.

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