PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum atratum Bunge

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Blackend Swallowwort

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seedpod

CAUTION:

DESCRIPTION

It is a herb. It grows up to 60 cm high. The roots are short and fibrous. There is a single stem with no branches. The stem is woody in the lower section. The upper section of the stem is green colour. The leaves are 3-10 cm long by 1.5-7 cm wide. There are fine hairs on both surfaces. The flowers are dull red. The fruit is oval and 6 cm long. It expels the seeds inside as it ripens.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in grasslands, riversides, dry lands between 100–2000 m altitude in China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

It is used in medicine. There are about 150 Cynanchum species.

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