PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Artabotrys brachypetalus* Benth.

**GENUS** *Artabotrys* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Purple hook-berry, Large hook-berry

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw.
They are also used for making an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

## DESCRIPTION

A woody climber. It can be a rambling bush or a small wide spreading tree. The young branches are covered with brown hairs. The leaves are oval and 2.5-11 cm long by 2.2-6.6 cm wide. The tips can be blunt, rounded or slightly pointed. It climbs by hooked flower stalks. The flowers are yellow. They occur singly on crooked woody stalks. The fruit has 1-14 segments clustered together. They are about 2.5 cm long and smooth. They look like black figs. They are purple-black and edible.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in hot, dry low altitude areas. It occurs along streams. In grows between sea level and 1,140 m altitude. It can grow in arid places.

## NOTES

There are about 100 Artabotrys species. They are shrubby climbers in SE Asia.

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