PLANT FACT SHEET

Kydia calycina Roxb.

GENUS *Kydia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Boranga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem mucilage

The mucilaginous material from the stems is used to clarify sugar.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The leaves re 3-12 cm long by 4-17 cm wide. They can have 3 lobes and are almost heart shaped at the base. They are dark green above and more hairy underneath. The flowers are in a group. The fruit is a capsule 4-5 mm wide. The seeds are dark brown and kidney shaped.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In southern China it grows in sparse mixed forests in valleys between 500-1,600 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are 4 or 5 Kydia species.

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