PLANT FACT SHEET

Parthenocissus semicordata (Wall.) Planch.

GENUS *Parthenocissus* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are juicy and slightly acid and are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It has tuberous roots. The vine loses its leaves during the year. It has tendrils that are divided. It climbs 5-8 m high. The leaves have stalks 9 cm long. The leaves have 3 leaflets divided like fingers on a hand. There are teeth around the edge. The leaflets are about 8 cm long by 5 cm wide but the end leaflet is slightly longer and more narrow. The flowers are green and contain both sexes. There can be 100-200 flowers in a cluster. The fruit are round and black. The fruit have 2-4 seeds. The seeds are 4-5 mm long by 2-3 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests between 500-1,500 m above sea level. In the Indian Himalayas it grows between 2,000-2,800 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

A vine may yield 750 g of fruit.

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