PLANT FACT SHEET

Piper sylvaticum Roxb.

GENUS *Piper* **FAMILY** Piperaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain long pepper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Spice, Leaves

The fruit are used in food preparation.
The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It has stolons or runners. The stems are ridged. They have fine hairs when young. The leaf stalks are 1-7 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and 8-11 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The flower spikes are opposite the leaves. Male spikes are slender and 5-8 cm long. Female spikes are erect and 2-3 cm long by 3-4 mm wide. The fruit is fleshy, round and 3 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In south China it grows in wet places at about 800 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

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