PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhynchotechum ellipticum (Wall. ex D. Dietrich) A. DC.

GENUS *Rhynchotechum* **FAMILY** Gesneriaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are cooked and eaten as a vegetable. They are cooked with meat or fish.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. The stems are 0.7-2 m long. There are rusty brown hairs near the tip. The leaves are opposite. The leaf stalk is 0.8-5 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and 9.5-32 cm long by 3-10 cm wide. It is woolly. They are red-brown. There are teeth along the edge. In a flower cluster there are 15-70 flowers. The flower stalk is 0.9-4 cm long. Flowers are white or tinged pink. The fruit is a white berry 2-6 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In China it grows in shaded places near streams between 100-1800 m altitude in southern regions.

NOTES

There are 13 Rhynchotechum species.

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