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Gardenia gummifera Linn.f.

GENUS *Gardenia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fleshy pulp of the ripe fruit is eaten. It is sweet. The outer coat is removed.
The seeds are roasted with salt and eaten.
Caution.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It loses is leaves during the year. It has yellow buds that secrete resin. The leaves are 8 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. They do not have leaf stalks. They are oval. The flowers are at the top. They are large and occur as 1-3 together. The fruit is an oblong berry up to 4 cm long. It has a husk at the top.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India plants fruit in April to June.

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