PLANT FACT SHEET

Stauntonia latifolia (Wall.) R. Br. ex Wall.

GENUS *Stauntonia* **FAMILY** Lardizabalaceae

COMMON NAMES Broad-leaved sausage vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A trailing shrub. It is evergreen and climbing. It can grow 6 m high. The leaves have stalks. They are opposite and have leaflets arranged like fingers on a hand. They are 3-12.5 cm long by 0.8-6 cm wide. They are oblong and taper to the tip. They are leathery. The flowers have stalks. The flowers are white and have a scent. They occur along stalks with only a few flowers. The fruit is a berry which is red when ripe. It is oval or sausage shaped and 5-8 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 1500-2800 m altitude. In Sikkim it grows between 2,400-3,200 m above sea level. It grows in open as well as shady places. It needs a protected location and a wall to climb. The roots need to be in the shade but the plant fruits better growing into the sun. It can only tolerate brief frosts. It does best in organic-rich, most but well-drained slightly acid soils. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed. Semi-ripe cuttings can be used. Hand pollination helps fruit set.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE India plants flower and fruit February to November.

NOTES

Also put in the family Berberidaceae.

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