PLANT FACT SHEET

Olax scandens Roxb.

GENUS *Olax* **FAMILY** Olacaceae

COMMON NAMES Rimil berries

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Stems

The young shoots are eaten as a green vegetable and as a pot herb.
The tender stems are used as a vegetable and the leaves are roasted and eaten.
The fruit are eaten raw. They are also used to prepare a drink. The ripe fruit are picked and eaten before they open.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It grows 3-5 m tall. It often climbs and the twigs are stretched out and hanging. The leaves are oval. The flowers are small and white. They occur as equal stalked flowers on a stalk near the ends of the branches. The fruit is an oval capsule. It is orange, It is almost covered with a fleshy calyx.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open country near the sea. It can grow up to 300 m above sea level. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 40 Olax species. They are tropical.

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