PLANT FACT SHEET

Cansjera leptostachya Benth.

GENUS *Cansjera* **FAMILY** Opiliaceae

COMMON NAMES Akusepin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing tropical forest plant. It can be 6 m long. It can also be as an erect shrub. The branches hang downwards. The young twigs are hairy but these often become smooth. The leaves are oval and 4-9 cm long by 1.1-4 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 2-6 mm long and hairy. The midrib is easy to see underneath the leaf. The top of the leaf often comes to a small point and the base tapers. There are 1-4 flower spikes in each leaf axil. They are 2 cm long. The flowers are sweetly scented. The floral tube is green or yellow. The fruit is yellow to orange an oval. It is 1.5 cm long by 1 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is in vine thickets. It is often climbing on the edge of forests. It grows from sea level up to 700 m altitude. It can grow on limestone rocks or sandy soil. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers throughout the year.

NOTES

There are 3 Cansjera species.

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