PLANT FACT SHEET

Aralia leschenaultii (DC.) J. Wen

GENUS *Aralia* **FAMILY** Araliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Leaves

The shoots are used in pickles. The young leaves are picked and used in curry.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 3-5 leaflets. They are 15 cm long by 10 cm wide. The flowers are in groups with stalks from a common point. These are 2-3 cm across. The flowers are 3-4 mm across. There are 5 yellow petals. The fruit is fleshy with 4-5 cells that are obscurely angled.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and subtropical regions. In Sikkim it grows between 1,700-2,700 m above sea level.

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