PLANT FACT SHEET

Berchemia flavescens (Wallich ex Roxb.) Brongniart

GENUS *Berchemia* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Ghugi, Cattle vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A twining shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows to about 3 m high. The leaves are alternate. They are 6-13 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. They are oval with a tip at the end. The veins are parallel. The flowers are greenish-yellow. They are 2 mm across and in groups at the ends of branches. The fruit are oblong and 8-10 mm long. They are red-black and sweet and edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in Nepal at 2000-3400 m altitude in wet, shady places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 12 Berchemia species.

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