PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Willughbeia edulis* Roxb.

**GENUS** *Willughbeia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Latex - drink

The ripe fruit are eaten raw and are acidic but popular.
The latex is used as milk.

## DESCRIPTION

A woody climber or vine. It has a milky sap. The small branches have ribs. It has long branched tendrils. The leaves are oblong and taper to the tip. The leaves are dark above and reddish-brown underneath. The flowers are yellowish. They have a scent. The fruit is a dark orange colour. It is the size of a lemon and has a soft yellow pulp. There are a few large seeds.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in trees in dense forests.

## PRODUCTION

### Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE Thailand fruit are ripe March to April.

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