PLANT FACT SHEET

Scurrula parasitica L.

GENUS *Scurrula* **FAMILY** Loranthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten and are sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub which grows by feeding on other plants. The young parts are hairy. The leaves are stalked. They are opposite and 1.5-3 cm long by 0.5-1.5 wide. They are oval and leathery. They have a rusty coating on both surfaces when young. They are smooth at maturity. The flowers are red. They occur in dense arrangements on the axils of leaves. The fruit is pear shaped.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal they grow up to about 2200 m altitude. They grow on forest trees. In China it grows on plains and mountain slopes between 100-2100 m altitude in the more southerly regions.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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