PLANT FACT SHEET

Leptadenia reticulata (Retz.) Wight & Arn.

GENUS *Leptadenia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Cork swallow-wort

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers

Leaves boiled in water then added to wheat or millet flour.
Tender shoots eaten as vegetable.
The flowers are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A climber or twining shrub. It has several branches. The bark is cork like and cracked. The leaves are oval and leathery and finely hairy underneath. The flowers are greenish yellow. The seed pods can be woody.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near Mumbai. It grows in arid places and on poor soils at altitudes up to 900 metres. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

NOTES

It is used as a medicine.

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