PLANT FACT SHEET

Chassalia curviflora var. ophioxyloides (Wall.) Deb & B. Krishna

GENUS *Chassalia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Curved flower snake Chassalia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves vary is size and shape. They can be 22 cm long by 8 cm wide. The leaf stalks are 3 cm long. The flowers are in groups at the ends of branches. The flowers are funnel shaped and have 5 lobes. The fruit are oval and black and fleshy. They are 6 mm across. There are 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Sikkim it grows between 500-1,800 m above sea level. It also grows in the western Ghats.

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