PLANT FACT SHEET

Embelia subcoriacea (C. B. Clarke) Mez

GENUS *Embelia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Large-leaved embelia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The fruit are sweet-sour and eaten fresh with added sugar. They are also used to impart a sour taste.
The leaves are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A straggling shrub or small tree. It can be a climber. It grows 3-5 m high. The leaves are narrowly oval. They are 8-15 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. They taper to the tip and the base is wedge shaped. The flowers are of one sex and small. They are 3 mm long. They are in groups 3-5 cm long in the axils of leaves. The fruit are red and round but flattened. They are 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Yunnan in China between 1,400-2,300 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 140 Embelia species. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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