



PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythropalum scandens Blume

GENUS *Erythropalum* FAMILY Olacaceae

COMMON NAMES Vegetable vine, Fish-smelling vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The shoots and leaves are often used in curries and as a potherb. They are bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A much branched climber. It grows 5-10 m high. The leaves are alternate and nearly triangular. They have a wavy edge. They are dark green on the upper surface and have a waxy bloom underneath. They are 9-16 cm long by 6-11.5 cm wide. The leaf stalk is swollen at the ends. It is 3-10 cm long. It has tendrils in the axils of leaves. The flower arrangements are 10 cm wide. The flowers are green with a yellow disk. The fruit is pear shaped. It is 1.5-1.8 cm long by 1 cm wide. It is yellow or red. It has a strong smell. There is one seed inside. This is oval and 1.2 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is found in streams in evergreen forests. It grows between 100-1,500 m above sea level. It is also cultivated. In Yunnan. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

It is also put in the family Erythropalaceae.

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