PLANT FACT SHEET

Rourea minor (Gaertner) Alston

GENUS *Rourea* **FAMILY** Connaraceae

COMMON NAMES Hongjiten

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Root

The fruit arils or coverings around the seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub up to 2 m high or a woody climber up to 25 m tall. The leaves are compound and shiny. The flowers are small and white. The fruit are in pods about 3 cm long. They are curved. The seed is covered in a bright red aril.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in hill lands, thickets, bamboo woods, dense mixed forests, up to 800 m altitude in southern China. In West Africa it grows in river banks in closed forest and savannah. In Yunnan, China it grows between 600-1300 m altitude. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

NOTES

There are 40-70 Rourea species. They are tropical. There are 46 Rourea species in tropical America.

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