PLANT FACT SHEET

Sinomenium acutum (Thunb.) Rehder & E. H. Wilson

GENUS *Sinomenium* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

COMMON NAMES Snailseed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

DESCRIPTION

A woody vine. It can be 20 m long. The old stem are grey. The bark has irregular stripes along it. The leaf stalks are 5-15 cm long. The blade is leathery to papery. It is oval and 6-15 cm long and tapers to the tip. There can be 5-9 lobes. These are pointed. Leaves have 5 veins spreading out from the base. The flowering stalk is 20-30 cm long. Male and female flowers and plants are separate. The fruit is fleshy with a hard stone inside. It is red to purple. It is 5-6 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forests in river basins in S China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There is one Sinomenium species. It is used in medicine. It contains an alkaloid sinomenine used to treat arthritis.

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