



PLANT FACT SHEET

Tetrastigma serrulatum (Roxb.) Planchon

GENUS *Tetrastigma* FAMILY Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Charchari

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh. They are also used in brewing.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen climber. The stems climb by means of both roots from the nodes and tendrils. The leaves have stalks. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaflets are 1.5-9 cm long by 0.6-3 cm wide. They are oval to sword shaped and taper to the tip. They have teeth with a ridged point. The flowers are yellowish. They are in a more or less flat topped or umbrella shaped head. The fruit is round and black when ripe. They are up to 1.2 cm across. There are 2 seeds.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Nepal it grow to about 2400 m altitude. In southern China it grows in forests on hillsides between 500-2,900 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in March to June and fruit July to November.

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