PLANT FACT SHEET

Cornus officinalis Sieb. & Zucc.

GENUS *Cornus* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese Cornelian cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh when fully ripe. Fruit can be dried for later use.
They are also used for making a liqueur like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub or tree. It grows 4-10 m high and spreads 4-6 m wide. The bark is flaky brown. The leaves are narrowly oval and 12 cm long. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are bright red when fully ripe. They are 1-1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on mountains, slopes, forest margins, forests between 400-1500 (-2100) m in China. It can tolerate frost. It can grow in alkaline soils as well as clay soils. In can grow in sun or light shade. It suits hardiness zones 6-8.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. It can also be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

The fruit are used in medicine. There are about 45 Cornus species.

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