PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinus virginiana Mill.

GENUS *Pinus* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Scrub pine, Ai song, Virginia pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 20 m tall. The trunk is 50 cm across. The bark is grey brown. It becomes scaly and has plated layers. The crown can be rounded or flattened. The young branches have red or purple tinges. There are 2 needles per bundle. They are deep to pale yellow-green. They are strongly twisted. They are 2-8 cm long by 1-1.5 mm wide. The seed cones have short stalks. They are oval when open and dull red brown. Seeds are pale brown and with darker mottles. They are 4-7 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is cultivated in China. It grows in the USA near Missippi from 30-760 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Cones take 2 years to mature.

NOTES

There are over 100 species of Pinus.

PICTURES



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