PLANT FACT SHEET

Xylosma longifolia Clos

GENUS *Xylosma* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4-7 m tall. There are spines on the small branches. The leaves are oblong and 4-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are in small clusters in the axils of the leaves. The flowers are greenish. The fruit are red when ripe. They are 4-6 mm across. There are 4-5 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in mountain forests between 1,000-1,600 m above sea level in southern China. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in April to May and fruit June to October.

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