PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus pyriformis Hook. f.

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

COMMON NAMES Doukhiguti

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also used for jam.
The unripe fruit are very sour and used for pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climbing shrub. It can be spiny. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are sword shaped and 4-14 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. The leaf underneath is covered with a silvery white coat. The flowers can occur singly or in clusters. The fruit are pear shaped. They are yellow when ripe and covered with copper coloured scales. The fruit are 1 cm long. They have one large seed.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It can grow in acid soils low in nutrients. The soil needs to be well-drained. It can tolerate drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed. The seed can be slow to germinate. Given the seed some warm treatment for 4 weeks then cold treatment for 12 weeks helps improve germination. Plants can be grown from large currings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE India plants flower and fruit November to April.

NOTES

There are 45 Elaeagnus species.

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