PLANT FACT SHEET

Daphne oleoides Schreb.

GENUS *Daphne* **FAMILY** Thymelaeaceae

COMMON NAMES Daphne

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Fruit - drink

The berries have been recorded as eaten.
They have also been used to make an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.
CAUTION. The are said to cause nausea and vomiting.

DESCRIPTION

A dense twiggy evergreen shrub. It grows 50 cm high. The stems often lie along the ground and it branches frequently. The leaves are 25 mm long. There are fine hairs underneath the leaves and on the young stems. The flowers are creamy white or pink. They are in clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are orange and fleshy with a hard stone inside.

HABITAT

It often grows on rocky mountain sites in the Mediterranean but not at low altitudes. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

There are about 50 Daphne species.

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