PLANT FACT SHEET

Morus cathayana Hemsl.

GENUS *Morus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Hua sang

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. The bark is greyish white. The branches are hairy when young. The leaf stalk is 2-5 cm long. The leaf blade is broadly oval and 8-20 cm long by 6-13 cm wide. Sometimes leaves are lobed. They are thick and papery. There are teeth around the edge. The male flower catkins are 3-5 cm long. The female flower catkins are 1-3 cm long. The fruit is white, red or dark purple when mature. It is 2-3 cm across. There are some varieties recognised on whether the leaf covering is white or yellow.

HABITAT

It grows on sunny slopes and high mountains between 900-1300 m in S China.

NOTES

There are about 16 Morus species.

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