PLANT FACT SHEET

Cephalotaxus fortunei W. J. Hooker

GENUS *Cephalotaxus* **FAMILY** Taxaceae

COMMON NAMES Fortune plum yew, Chinese plum yew

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 9 m high. The bark is red brown. It flakes off. The leaves are narrow and 10 cm long. They are 3 mm across. They are glossy and green with two white bands underneath. They are pointed. The male and female flowers are in clusters on separate plants. They are creamy yellow. The male flowers are in the axils of leaves while the female flowers are at the tips. The fruit is oval and fleshy. They are purple brown and 2.5 cm long. The fruit contain one seed.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and subtropical plant. It grows naturally in mountain forests. It needs well-drained soil. It grows well in an open sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost. Hobart Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 6-10 Cephalotaxus species. It is used in medicine.
Also put in the family Cephalotaxaceae.

PICTURES



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