PLANT FACT SHEET

Osteomeles schwerinae Schneid.

GENUS *Osteomeles* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Sugar fruit, Crow-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

It is a bushy shrub. It grows 3 m high. The branches arch over. The leaves have small leaflets along the stalk. The leaflets are greyish and downy. The flowers are white. They are 18 mm across. The flowers are in dense clusters. The fruit are small dark red berries. They ripen to bluish-black.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to SW China. It grows in Yunnan in China. It grows in mixed forests between 1,000-3,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Yunnan fruit are harvested in August and September.

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