PLANT FACT SHEET

Hovenia acerba Lindley

GENUS *Hovenia* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese raisin tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit stalk, bud, Fruit

Fruit used for brewing wine. Fruit are also eaten raw.
The fruiting stalks are rich in sugar and edible.
The leaves are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub or tree. It can be 10-25 m tall. The leaves are oval and heart shaped at the base. They are 8-17 cm long by 6-12 cm wide. They are papery. The flowers are at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. The fruit is massed in clusters on the ends of the stems. The fruit are yellow but become brown when ripe. They can be 6.5 mm across. The fruiting stalks becomes fattened and fleshy. The seeds are dark brown. There are 2 botanical varieties.

HABITAT

A temperate climate plant. It prefers full sun and well drained soil. It needs protecting from dry winds. It grows at 1450 m altitude in Yunnan in China. It grows in subtropical broadleaved evergreen forest. In XTBG Yunnan. In Sichuan.

NOTES

There are 2 Hovenia species.

PICTURES



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