PLANT FACT SHEET

Debregeasia orientalis C. J. Chen

GENUS *Debregeasia* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Flowers

The fruit are eaten fresh as a snack.
They are also used for wine.
The young shoots and flowers are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-4 m tall. The branches are slender. The leaf blade can be narrow and 5-18 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. There are 3 main veins. The flowers are produced on the previous years growth. Flowers can appear before the leaves. The male flowers have short stalks and the female flowers are without stalks. The fruit is a small dry single seed with a fleshy layer around it.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in shady moist places near streams. It can be in mountain valleys. It grows between 300-2,800 m above sea level in China. It grows in Sichuan and Yunnan.

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