PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhamnus triquetra (Wall.) Brandis

GENUS *Rhamnus* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 7 m tall. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The leaves are alternate and 7-15 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. They are oblong or narrowly oval with rounded teeth along the edge. They have a velvety covering underneath. The flowers are in a group in the axils of leaves. The flowers are 2-3 mm across. The fruit is 4-5 mm long and has 3 lobes. There are 3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In the Indian Himalayas it grows between 1,500-2,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Pakistan it flowers in July to August.

NOTES

The bark is poisonous.

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