PLANT FACT SHEET

Sorbus thibetica (Cardot.) Hand-Mazz.

GENUS *Sorbus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten after frost.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 15 m tall. It is a broad cone shape. The bark is grey-brown and is thinly scaly and cracks and flakes. The leaves are broadly oval and 15 cm long by 10 cm wide. They taper to the base and are pointed at the tip. They have sharp teeth. They are hairy at first but become smooth. They are dark green above and densely covered with white hairs underneath. There are up to 14 pairs of veins. The flowers are white. They occur in clusters up to 6 cm across. The fruit is a rounded berry. It is 1.5 cm across. It is green but turns orange or yellow as it ripens.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to subtropical plant. It is native to SW China and the Himalayas. It grows in evergreen and deciduous mountain forest. It grows at about 2,700 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

There are about 75 Sorbus species.

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