PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Euonymus europeus L.

GENUS *Euonymus* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Spindle tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - dye, Manna

The fruit and seeds are the source of a yellow dye used for colouring butter.
It also produces an edible manna.
CAUTION: All parts are harmful if eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2-8 m high and spreads 1.2-3 m wide. The bark is smooth and grey. The leaves are narrowly oval and pointed. They are 3-13 cm long. The flowers are small and green. They are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a 4 lobed capsule.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

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