PLANT FACT SHEET

Atraphaxis spinosa L.

GENUS *Atraphaxis* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Shir-khecht shrub

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Manna

It produces a sweet manna like substance that is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows up to 1 m high. The stems are slender. The woody branches are slender and without leaves at the end. There is a spine at the point. The leaves are grey-green are round or oval. They are 3-7 mm long by 3-5 mm wide. They are leathery. There are 2-6 flowers in the axils of current year's growth.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in deserts. It grows between 400-1,800 m above sea level in northern China.

NOTES

It contains several flavenoids.

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