PLANT FACT SHEET

Acrothamnus hookeri (Sonder) Quinn

GENUS *Acrothamnus* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain beard heath

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small bush. It grows 0.5-2 m tall and spreads 0.5-1.5 m wide. The leaves are 0.5-1.5 cm long by 0.1-0.4 cm wide. They are stiff and leathery. They are bluish-green above and pale with fine stripes underneath. The edges are curved back and the tip is blunt. The leaves clasp the stem. The flowers are about 0.5 cm long. They are white and bell-shaped or tube shaped. They occur in short clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are fleshy with a stone inside. They are 0.4-0.6 cm across and red.

HABITAT

It grows in subalpine regions in SE Asia. It needs well drained moist soils. It needs light shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings. Tip cuttings are used.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is very slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 6 Acrothamnus species. They are mostly in Australia.

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