PLANT FACT SHEET

Ulmus parvifolia Jacquin

GENUS *Ulmus* **FAMILY** Ulmaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese elm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, bark, Leaves

The young leafy shoots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An elm tree. It grows 15 m tall. It is spreading and loses many of its leaves during the year. The branches tend to hang down. The trunk has smooth bark which flakes off showing orange brown patches. It has small leaves. The leaves are narrowly oval and 6 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are unequal at the base. The leaves are pointed and have sharp teeth. They are glossy dark green above with hairs underneath. They turn yellow, red, or purple in autumn. The flowers are very small and red. They are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a small seed with wings. It is 8 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to E. Asia and grows in rocky places. In China it grows below 800 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PICTURES



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