PLANT FACT SHEET

Chimonanthus praecox (L.) Link

GENUS *Chimonanthus* **FAMILY** Calycanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Winter sweet, Ice flower, Japanese allspice

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers are thoroughly boiled, washed and eaten with oil and salt.
The flower petals are used to flavour and scent tea.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub. It grows 3-3.7 m tall and spreads 2.5-3 m wide. The stems are thick and angular. The leaves are sword shaped and 20 cm long. The leaves are glossy and mid green. They have a rough surface. They turn pale yellow in autumn. The flowers are dull pale yellow and almost without stalks. There is a small maroon inner section. They have a sweet scent. The fruit are yellow-brown when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. Plants are frost hardy. It suits hardiness zones 6-10. Melbourne Botanical gardens. Geelong Botanical Gardens. In Sichuan and Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by layering the stems.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It may take 3 years before flowering.

NOTES

There are 6 Chimonanthus species.

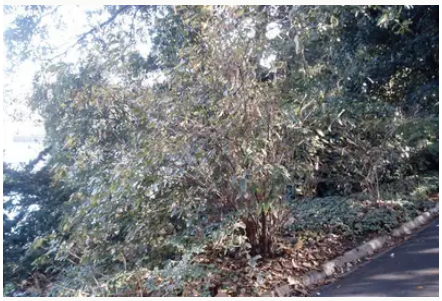
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