PLANT FACT SHEET

Pyrus betulifolia Bunge

GENUS *Pyrus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Birch-leaved pear, Puckered pear, Russet pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit, Leaves

The sun-dried flowers are powdered and baked into 'cakes.'
Leaves are boiled and eaten with oil and salt.
The fruit are eaten after frost. They are also buried in wheat containers until the fruit turn black then eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small slender tree. It grows 9 m high and spreads 4.5 m wide. The leaves are oval or rounded. They have a slender tip and strong teeth along the edge. They are greyish-green when young but the upper surface becomes green and shiny. The fruit are small and dark brown. The small fruit become puckered and edible after frost.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows from sea level to 1,800 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. Arboretum Tasmania.

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