PLANT FACT SHEET

Buckleya graebneriana Diels

GENUS *Buckleya* **FAMILY** Santalaceae

COMMON NAMES Flour jar, Qin ling me mian wang

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Vegetable

The starch of the fruit is used for making wine, oil or for eating. The starch is edible after cooking.
The young leaves are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 2.5 m high. The buds are oval and 3 mm long. The branches are greyish white with white spots of breathing cells. The leaves are green but usually reddish. They vary in shape. The leaves are sword shaped to oblong and 2-8 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped and there are teeth around the edge. They taper to the tip. The male flowers are about 3 mm across and in groups at the ends of branches. The female flowers occur singly at the ends of branches. The fruit is oval and fleshy with a hard covering over the seed. It is 10-15 mm long by 6-8 mm wide. It is orange and rough or hairy.

HABITAT

It grows in forests between 700-1800 in Gansu, Henan and Shaanxi in China. It partly grows using other plants (semiparasitic).

NOTES

There are about 4 Buckleya species.

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