PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus undulata Buch.-Ham. ex D. Don

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

CAUTION: The fruit (and seeds) contain hydrocyanic acid and should be cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It grows 12 m tall. The leaves are oblong or narrowly oval and 8-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped and they taper to the tip. There can be shallow teeth along the edge. The flowers can occur singly or in groups of 2-3. The fruit are oval and fleshy. There is a stone inside 15-20 mm long by 8-12 mm wide.

HABITAT

Temperate. It grows in broad-leaved forests near streams between 500-3,600 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. In Sikkim it grows between 2,400-3,200 m above sea level. In southern China it grows between 500-3,600 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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