PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus courtoisii Belval

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy oleaster

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh and also used for wine.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2 m high. It has a dense covering of yellow hairs. The leaves are oblong and 4-9 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. It narrow to an abrupt tip and the base is rounded. The flowers are small and pale yellow. They occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit is fleshy and red. It is oblong and 1 cm long. It ahs silver scales.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to central and eastern China. It grows in open areas between 300-1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in February and March and fruit April to May.

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