PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus glabra Thunberg

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

COMMON NAMES Goat nipple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Leaves

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A sprawling shrub. It does not have thorns. It grows 6 m tall. The young branches are shiny brown. The leaves are narrow and dark green above and with brown scales underneath. The flowers are fragrant. The fruit are orange with silver speckles. They are on long slender stalks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In China it grows in thickets at about 2,200 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in September to November and fruit April to May.

NOTES

There are 45 Elaeagnus species.

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