PLANT FACT SHEET

Juniperus phoenicea L.

GENUS *Juniperus* **FAMILY** Cupressaceae

COMMON NAMES Phoenicean juniper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - flavouring

The ripe fruit are used for flavouring and in seasoning food.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 10 m tall. The leaves are 1 mm long and overlap. They have glands. The cones are cylinder shape and 10-12 mm across. They ripen in the second year. They turn dark reddish-brown. Each cone contains 5 small seeds.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. In Cyprus it grows from sea level to 350 m altitude. In Jordan it grows between 1,200-1,700 m above sea level. It grows on dry slopes and rocky ground. It can grow in arid areas.

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