PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus wallichii Steudel

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Mauli

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

The seeds are eaten

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows up to 12 m tall. The bark is brown and can be smooth or warty. The twigs are smooth and without hairs. The leaves are oval and 7-15 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The base of the leaf ends in a sharp point while the tip tapers. There are 6-9 pairs of veins which often form distinct loops and join. The leaf stalk is 0.2-1 cm long. Flower clusters can be single or in a small bunch of 2-4. They are 2-10 cm long and in the axils of leaves. The petals are white. The fruit are oval and pear shaped. They are 10-22 mm long by 6-15 mm wide. They are purplish black when ripe with a fleshy payer. The seed have a smooth coat.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain forest mostly from 1,000 to 3,000 m altitude. It occasionally grows down to 600 m or up to 3,600 m.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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