PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycium yunnanense K. Z. Kuang & A. M. Lu

GENUS *Lycium* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem

The young stem is used as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 50 cm tall. The small branches are yellow brown. They are thorny at the tip. The leaves occur singly on long shoots. They are narrowly oval and 8-15 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped. The flowering shoots occur singly and there are several flowers clustered with leaves. The fruit is a round berry 4 mm across. They are yellow to red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Yunnan plants flower September to November and fruit October to February.

REFERENCES

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