PLANT FACT SHEET

Drimys winteri J.R. & J.G. Forster

GENUS *Drimys* **FAMILY** Winteraceae

COMMON NAMES Winter's bark

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark, Seeds - spice

The bark has been used to provide Vitamin C. It is used as a seasoning.
CAUTION: It should not be eaten in large amounts.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 15 m tall. It is a narrow cone shape. The bark is grey-brown and has an aroma. The leaves are oblong and 20 cm long by 6 cm wide. They do not have teeth. They are glossy dark green above and bluish-green underneath. They are leathery and have an aroma when crushed. The flowers are 4 cm across and white. They have many slender petals. The flowers are borne in large clusters. The fruit is a small green berry. It becomes purple-black as it ripens. They grow in clusters at the end of long stalks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to Mexico and South America. It grows in the mountains. It needs cool soil and well-drained but moist conditions. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 8-9. Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by cuttings.

NOTES

There are 4 Drimys species. Several have now been put in Tasmannia genus.

PICTURES



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