PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium japonicum Miquel

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 60-90 cm tall. The branches are slender and well spaced. They are green and slender. It normally loses its leaves but may be evergreen in warm climates. The leaves are pale green and oval or sword shaped. They are 3-5 cm long and 1-3 cm wide. They are rounded at the base and pointed at the tips. There are small teeth along the edge. The leaves are bright green above and paler underneath. The flowers and fruit hang down under the branches. The flowers are 5-12 mm long. They are in the leaf axils of the previous year's growth. There are 4 petals and these curve back at the tip. The fruit are small, shiny red berries. They are 5-8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does well in shade. It is native to Japan and Korea. In China it grows in alpine areas between 1,000-2,600 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

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