PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Ternstroemia gymnanthera* (Wight & Arn.) Sprague

**GENUS** *Ternstroemia* **FAMILY** Pentaphylacaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Japanese cleyera

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-10 m tall. The leaves are broadly oval and 4-12 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They are pale green underneath. The flowers can occur singly in the axils of leaves or as several in clusters on leafless branches. They are 1-2 cm across. The petals are pale yellow. The fruit is purplish red when mature. They are round and 1.5 cm across. There are 2 locules and 1 or 2 seeds in each.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in forests between 200-2,800 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower May to July and fruit September to November.

## PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

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