PLANT FACT SHEET

Flueggea suffruticosa (Pall.) Baill.

GENUS *Flueggea* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

CAUTION: The plant contains low levels of alkaloids which affect the nervous system.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-3 m tall. It has many branches and the branches are angular when young. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. Male flowers are in clusters of 3-18. The fruit are 3 sided capsules 2-5 mm across. They are reddish-brown when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate places. In China it grows of the edges of forests between 500-2,500 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Euphorbiaceae.
It contains the alkaloid securinine that stimulates the central nervous system. The leaves and flowers are used in medicine.

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