PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium fragile Franch.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Fruit, Roots

The leaves are used for tea.
The fruit are eaten raw as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 20-50 cm tall. The base of the stem is thick and woody and the twigs are angled. The leaves are dense and 1-5 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. There are many flowers in a group 2-6 cm across. The fruit is red and turns dark purple. They are 4-5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in pine and oak forests and on grassy slopes between 1,100-3,400 m above sea level in southern China. It grows in acid soils.

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