PLANT FACT SHEET

Callicarpa kochiana Makino

GENUS *Callicarpa* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES White wild pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 1-4 m tall. It is hairy. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 15-25 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. They taper to the tip. There are teeth along the edge. They are densely hairy underneath. The flowers are small and purple. They are in large groups. The fruit are white and 2 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is native to Taiwan. In southern China it grows between 100-900 m above sea level.

NOTES

Previously in the Verbenaceae family.

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