PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesa argentea (Wall.) A. DC.

GENUS *Maesa* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Phusera, Gogsa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The berries are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be 5 m tall. The small branches have glands. The pith is solid. The leaf stalk is 1.8-2 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and 12-17 cm long by 5-9 cm wide. They can be larger. They are rougher underneath. There are teeth along the edge. The leaf tapers to the tip. There are about 8 side veins on each side of the main vein. The flowering stalk is in the axils of leaves. It is 1-4 cm long. The flowers are white and 3 mm across. The fruit are round and 3-5 mm across. They are fleshy.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. They grow in broad-leaved forest and near streams and in damp areas between 1500-2900 m altitude in S China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 75-200 Maesa species. They are mostly tropical. They are also put in the family Maesaceae. They are also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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