PLANT FACT SHEET

Ardisia sieboldii Miquel

GENUS *Ardisia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Tree lycium, Duo zhi ji jin niu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can grow to 10 m high. The small branches are 2-3 mm across and brown and scaly. The leaf stalk is 5-10 mm long. The leaf blade is oval and 7-14 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. It is leathery. It is dull on the upper surface and can be brown and scaly underneath. The base is wedge shaped and the edges can be curled back. There are 14-25 secondary veins on each side of the main vein. The flowers are in the axils of leaves near the ends of branches. They are in an arrangement 3-4 cm long. The flowers are white and about 3 mm across. The fruit is round and red to black. It is about 7 mm across. It is somewhat fleshy.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in mixed forests and mountains and hillsides between 100-600 m altitude in China.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Ardisia species. They are mainly in the tropics. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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