PLANT FACT SHEET

Ilex dipyrena Wall.

GENUS *Ilex* **FAMILY** Aquifoliaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan holly

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows to about 10 m high. It has rough, dark grey bark. The leaves have stalks. They are oval or sword shaped. There are spiny teeth around the edges on young parts. The flowers are greenish white. They occur in round clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is fleshy with a hard covering over the seed. The fruit is round when ripe. It is red. The stone has grooves along it.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. Plants grow in Nepal between 2000-3300 m altitude. It grows in forest areas. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 400 Ilex species.

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