PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium sprengelii (G. Don) Sleumer ex Rehd.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Bud, Flowers

The fruit are edible.
The young leaves are boiled and used as a vegetable.
The flowers are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the winter. It can grow 3 m high. Young growth is red coloured. The leaves are oval or sword shaped and 4-9 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They have long narrow points. The flowers are on the underside of long flowering stalks. These are white tinged with pink. The flowering groups are 7.5 cm long and the flowers are 5 mm long. The fruit are small purple-black berries.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in cool climates but cannot tolerate heavy frosts. In Yunnan. It grows between 1,000-1,600 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or cuttings.

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