PLANT FACT SHEET

Berberis wallichiana DC.

GENUS *Berberis* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Barhamase chutro

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A spiny shrub. It grows about 3 m tall. The leaves have stalks. They normally occur as 3-4 together. The leaves are oblong or sword shaped. They are divided along the edge with sharp spines. The flowers are yellow. They occur in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a berry. It is oval and deep purple when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in Nepal at 2000-3400 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 450-500 Berberis species.

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