PLANT FACT SHEET

Picea orientalis (L.) Link

GENUS *Picea* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Caucasian spruce, Oriental spruce

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, bark, Seeds, Tea, Resin

DESCRIPTION

A large cone shaped tree. It grows to 40 m high. It has dense branches and foliage. The leaves are glossy, dark green needles. They are small and lie close to the stem. They have rounded ends. Male flowers are dark red at first and then turn yellow. Female flowers are yellow. The cones are narrow and slightly curved. They taper to both ends.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows to 2,130 m altitude in the Caucasus. It grows naturally in Turkey. It suits hardiness zones 3-9. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows slowly in the establishment phase.

NOTES

There are between 30 and 40 species of Picea.

PICTURES



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