PLANT FACT SHEET

Maesa japonica (Thunberg) Moritzi ex Zollinger

GENUS *Maesa* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES White-flowered tea, Japanese maesa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It is evergreen and climbing. It grows 1-3 m high. The leaves are sword shaped. They are 5-16 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They are leathery. There are teeth towards the end. The flowers are white. They are in groups 1-3 cm long in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and turn from yellow to white. They are 4-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in mixed forests on limestone between 300-2,000 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

They are also put in the family Maesaceae. They are also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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