PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium fruticosum Roxburgh ex Candolle

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 12 m tall. The branches are smooth. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 9-13 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. The leaves are thinly leathery. The flowers are small and without stalks. They have 4 petals. The fruit is a small round berry. It is red when ripe. It is 6-7 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in southern Assam up to 1,000 m above sea level. In southern China it grows between 500-1,700 m above sea level. It grows in Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China it flowers from May to June and fruits from June to July.

NOTES

It has been shown to have antioxidant and anticancer properties.

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