PLANT FACT SHEET

Eurya chinensis R. Br.

GENUS *Eurya* **FAMILY** Pentaphylacaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese eurya

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-3 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 2-6 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are pale green underneath. The flowers can occur singly or in groups of up to 4 in the axils of leaves. Male and female flowers are separate. The fruit are purple to black then ripe. They are round and 3-4 mm across. The seeds are blackish brown and kidney shaped.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to subtropical plant. It grows in thickets along hills or near streams below 1,000 m above sea level. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in November to December and fruit June to July.

NOTES

There are about 70 Eurya species. Also put in the family Theaceae.

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