PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus mira Koehne

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Smoothpit peach, Tibetan peach

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 3-10 m high. The small branches are green and smooth. They turn brown with age. They are slender and spreading. The leaves are sword shaped and 5-10 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They taper to the tip and rounded at the base. There are teeth towards the top. They are velvety along the midrib underneath. The flowers occur singly and open before the leaves. The flowers are pinkish-white. There are 1-2 together. They are 2-2.5 cm across. The fruit is round and 3-4 cm across. They have a covering. They are juicy and sweet. The stone is oval and smooth.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in Sichuan and Yunnan in China. It is native to western China. It grows in mixed forests and mountain valleys and broad-leaved forests between 2,600-3,000 m altitudes.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Yunnan the fruit are harvested in July and August.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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