PLANT FACT SHEET

Gaultheria wardii C. Marquand & Airy-Shaw

GENUS *Gaultheria* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows up to about 2-6 m tall. The leaves are scattered and oval and 3-7 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowering shoots are in the axils of leaves and produce many flowers. The fruit is a blue-black capsule 6-8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In southern China it grows between 1,000-2,700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants July to August and fruit August to May.

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