PLANT FACT SHEET

Aspergillus niger Tiegh.

GENUS *Aspergillus* **FAMILY** Aspergillaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fungus

It is grown on sugar residues and converts the sugar to citric acid used as a food additive. A fructooligisaccharide on fermented sucrose is available in powdered form and sprinkled on cereals and fruit or stirred into drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A common bread mould.

The species used for pu'er tea is probably Aspergillus luchuensis.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

REFERENCES

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