PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhododendron delavayi Franch.

GENUS *Rhododendron* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-7 m tall. The bark peels off in small irregular flakes. The young shoots have a white covering. The leaves are sword shaped and 7-15 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. They taper to the base and the edges curl under. They are whitish underneath. The flowers are in a round head made up of 10-20 flowers. They have a rusty coating. They are deep red.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in limestone areas. It grows between 1,200-3,200 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan. In Rhodo gardens.

PICTURES



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