PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus argyi H. Leveille

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

COMMON NAMES She shan yang nai zi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-3 m tall. It may or may not lose its leaves depending on climate. It usually has spines. The young branches are bright green. They have yellowish-white scales. The leaf stalks are yellowish-brown and 5-7 mm long. The leaves have 2 forms depending on season. The leaves in spring are small and 1-4 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are thin and papery. The leaves in autumn are larger and broadly oval. They are 6-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. Underneath they are white with brown dots. The flowers are usually in groups of 5-7. They are near the base of new growing branches. The flowers are yellow and thick and have silvery and light yellow scales. The fruit are fleshy and red when ripe. The are oval and 1.5 cm long by 0.6 cm wide. They have silvery scales.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It grows in China between 100-300 m altitude in the eastern central provinces.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in January to March and fruit April to May.

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