PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus loureiri Champion ex Bentham

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

COMMON NAMES South China oleaster, Hanging lantern berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An climbing evergreen shrub. It grows 2-3 m high. The branches are wrinkled and have brown scales. There are also stout thorns. The leaves are oblong and 4-9 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are rounded at the base. There are scales underneath. The flowers occur singly. They are 12 mm long and 6-8 mm wide. The fruit is narrowly oval and 2 cm long by 8 mm wide. They are red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in the dry season in deciduous forests in southern China. It grows in mountain forests between 500-2,100 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in October to December and fruit April to May.

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