PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus chinensis (Gardner & Champ.) Hook.f. ex Benth.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 3-7 m tall. The branches are softly hairy. The leaf blades are oval or sword shaped and 5-8 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are papery and hairy when young. The flowers are in groups in the axis of fallen leaves. The fruit are fleshy 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In southern China it grows in evergreen forests between 300-900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower May to June and fruit June to September.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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