PLANT FACT SHEET

Ziziphus oenopolia (L.) Miller

GENUS *Ziziphus* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Wine Jujuba, Jackal jujube, Small-fruited jujube

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also dried and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A thorny shrub. It grows about 5 m high. It has straggling branches. The leaves are short stalked. The leaves are 2.3-5.5 cm long by 1.3-3 cm wide. They are oval to sword shaped. They taper to a tip. There are teeth around the edge. Leaves are unequal at the base. The flowers are yellowish. The fruit is fleshy with a hard covering over the seed. It is oval and yellow when fully ripe. There is a thin layer of acidic flesh around the seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Nepal plants grow to 1600 m altitude. They grow on the edge of the subtropical forest. In Yunnan in China it grows between 600-900 m above sea level. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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