PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Buxus wallichiana Baill.

GENUS *Buxus* **FAMILY** Buxaceae

COMMON NAMES Eastern Himalayan box

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Bark

The leaves and bark are used as a substitute for tea.
They have also been used for hops in beer.
CAUTION: The leaves contain an alkaloid which gives them their bitter taste.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 1.8 m tall and spreads 2 m wide. The leaves are simple and have smooth edges. They are dark green. They occur in opposite pairs. The leaves are 5 cm long and about 6 mm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. They are yellow.

HABITAT

It suits hardiness zones 8-10. In Pakistan it grows up to 3,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 70 Buxus species. There are 50 in tropical America.

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