PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus difficilis Servettaz

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 2-3 m tall. It can be spreading. The side branches have spines at the tips. The leaves are sword shaped and 7-14 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 1-5 in the axils of new side shoots. The flowers are nodding and tube shaped. The fruit are orange to red and cylinder shaped. They are 1-2 cm long by 6-9 mm aide. They have 8 ribs.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In southern China it grows between 600-1,800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in April and fruit in May to June.

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