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.

Euonymus atropurpureus Jacq.

GENUS *Euonymus* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Burning-bush Euonymus, Eastern wahoo, Indian arrow-wood, Spindle tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

CAUTION: All parts are harmful if eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small deciduous tree. It grows up to 2.4-6 m high. It spreads 1 m wide. The bark is greenish-grey streaked with reddish-brown. The leaves are 5-12 cm long and oval. They have a long point. The leaf stalk is about 1 cm long. They turn red in autumn. The flower are small and purplish. The fruit are capsules about 10-14 mm across. They have 4 prominent lobes. These split to reveal the seeds. There are 4 seeds. Each seed is enclosed in a bright orange-red fleshy aril or seed layer. The fruit turn pink when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows along streams and flood plains. It grows in moist woodlands. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or by cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 175 Euonymus species. The bark is used in medicine.

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