PLANT FACT SHEET

Davidia involucrata var. vilmoriniana Baill., (Dode) Wangerin

GENUS *Davidia* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves have a few silky hairs underneath when young. They are broadly oval and 8-15 cm long by 7-12 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. The fruit occur singly. They are green with a purple shine. They are pear shaped and 3-4 cm long by 2 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in mixed forests between 1,100-2,600 m above sea level. It grows in Sichuan and Yunnan in China.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Yunnan fruit are available in September and October.

NOTES

Also put in the family Nyssaceae.

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