PLANT FACT SHEET

Viburnum dilatatum Thunberg

GENUS *Viburnum* **FAMILY** Viburnaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese Cranberry, Linden Arrow-wood, Linden viburnum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit can be eaten fresh when ripe.
The fruit can be boiled into a porridge with juice from the stems.

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 3 m tall and spreads 2.4 m wide. The leaves are large and rounded or oval. They have teeth along the edge. They turn red in autumn. The flowers are creamy white and star shaped. They occur in clusters. The fruit are oval and bright red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In southern China it grows on the edges of forests between 100-1,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-8. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, stem cuttings or by layering.

NOTES

There are about 150 Viburnum species. Also put in the family Caprifoliaceae.

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