PLANT FACT SHEET

Atalantia buxifolia (Poiret) Oliv. ex Benth.

GENUS *Atalantia* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese box-orange

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are used in the preparation of yeast cakes.

DESCRIPTION

A small spiny tree. It grows 6 m tall. The leaves are alternate and reduced to a single oblong leaflet 2.5 cm long. It is dark green. The flowers are very small and pure white. They are in clusters or 2-3 in the axils of the leaves. They have a scent. The fruit are round, black and about 1 cm long. They have several oval seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is best in full sun. It will grow well in alkaline or salty soils. It is often in thickets near the ocean. It grows up to 300 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

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