PLANT FACT SHEET

Juniperus deppeana Steud.

GENUS *Juniperus* **FAMILY** Cupressaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet fruit Juniper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also roasted, dried or ground into meal.

DESCRIPTION

A cone shaped tree. It grows 15 m tall. The bark is dark grey. It is divided into small oblong plates. The leaves are scale like and small. They are 3 mm long. They are bright green and have a white resin speck on the back. There are 2 white bands near the base. The leaves are rough to the touch. The leaves have a sharp tip. The leaves have an aroma when crushed. The fruit looks like a berry and is rounded and red-brown. They are covered with a bloom. It is 1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on rocky slopes in high mountains. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

NOTES

There are 50 to 60 Juniperus species.

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