PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum japonense Nakai

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild oceanic nightshade

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leafy shoots are eaten as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A soft vine. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1-5 m high. The young branches are hairy. The leaves are triangle or sword shaped. They are 3-9 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The edges are wavy. They can have 3 or 5 lobes. The flowers are purple. They are in groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round berries 1 cm across. They are bright red. The seeds are kidney shaped and 2 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In China it grows between 2,400-2,900 m altitude. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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