PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium buxifolium Hooker et Arnott

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Red Phoebe, Chinese myrtle tree, Fish-scale bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh. They are also used for making wine.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 1-3 m high. It is compact and has dark green leaves. The young branches are 4 angled. The leaves are opposite, leathery and broadly oval. They are 2-4 cm long by 2 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped. The flowers are small and white. They are in groups in the axils of leaves and at the ends of branches. They do not have a leaf stalk. The fruit are round and shiny black when ripe. They are 8-12 mm across. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is native to Hong Kong and China. It grows in open forest and in mountains. It grows from 200-1,200 m above sea level. It grows in areas with a temperature about 17°C. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China it flowers in May and June and fruits in September and October.

NOTES

The roots and leaves have been used in medicine. The leaves have antibacterial activity.

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