PLANT FACT SHEET

Viburnum erosum Thunb.

GENUS *Viburnum* **FAMILY** Viburnaceae

COMMON NAMES Ichang viburnum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2-3 m high. The young branches are hairy. The leaves are opposite and broadly sword shaped. They are 3-7 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are rounded at the base. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and white. They are 2-4 mm across. They are in groups at the ends of branches. The fruit is oval and red. It turns black as it ripens. It is 7 mm long and the stones are flattened.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to central and western China. It grows in forests between 300-1,800 m above sea level in south China.

NOTES

Also put in the family Caprifoliaceae.

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