PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus davidiana (Carrière) Franch.

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES David peach, Chinese wild peach, Mountain Peach

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The kernels are used to flavour dishes.
CAUTION: They contain prussic acid.
The fruit are also eaten raw. They are also used for jams and syrups.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 9 m high and spreads 9 m wide. The bark is often shiny red-brown. It loses its leaves during the year. The young branches are upright. The leaves are dark green. They are small and have sharp teeth and taper to a point. The flowers are white to pink. The fruit are small and round and covered with down.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in the hills and mountains of northern China. It grows between 800-3,200 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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