PLANT FACT SHEET

Symplocos paniculata (Thunberg) Miquel

GENUS *Symplocos* **FAMILY** Symplocaceae

COMMON NAMES Asiatic sweetleaf, Sapphire berry, White sandalwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - oil

The small berries are used in jams, jellies and sauce.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub which loses its leaves. It grows 4.5 m high and spreads 4.5 m wide. The leaves are oval and slightly hairy. The leaves are small and have very fine teeth. The flowers are white and have a scent. They occur in clusters. The fruit are round blue berries.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate zones. It grows in the Himalayas from 1,000 - 2,600 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 7-9. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are over 250 Symplocos species.

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