PLANT FACT SHEET

Debregeasia saeneb (Forsskal) Hepper & Wood

GENUS *Debregeasia* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw or fresh and are sweet in taste.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows about 4 m high. The branches are hairy. The leaves are alternate and long and narrow. They are toothed along the edge and with 3 veins. They are thickly white underneath. The leaves are 7-15 cm long and 1.5-2.5 cm wide. Male and female flowers are produced on separate plants. The flowers are reddish. The occur in heads in the axils of leaves. The fruit is orange. It is studded with small nutlets.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in Nepal between 1000-2400 m altitude. It grows along the banks of streams. In SW China it grows between 1,700-2,300 m above sea level. It grows in high mountain valleys.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by cuttings or seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In SW China it flowers in March to April and fruits May to July.

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