PLANT FACT SHEET

Nyssa javanica (Blume) Wangerin

GENUS *Nyssa* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES South China sour gum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A tall tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 20-50 m tall. The small branches are purple-brown. The leaves are oblong and 10-15 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are blunt at the base. The are covered with dense hairs. The leaf stalks are 2-4 cm long. The flowers are greenish-white. The fruit are fleshy and oval. They are 2-3 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are purple-red turning black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at 1500 m altitude in Yunnan in China. It grows in monsoon rainforest. It grows in damp areas of forests between 800-2,100 m altitude in southern China.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in April to May and fruit in October.

NOTES

Also put in the family Nyssaceae.

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