PLANT FACT SHEET

Mahonia napaulensis var. napaulensis

GENUS *Mahonia* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that keeps its leaves throughout the year. It grows 2-4 m tall. The leaves are yellow green underneath. The leaves are crowded towards the ends of the branches. The leaves are 20-70 cm long by 10-22 cm wide. There are 3-9 pairs of leaflets. They have teeth along the edge. They are pale coloured underneath. The flowers are yellow and have a sweet scent. They are in dense erect groups. The flowers are in 4-15 groups of flowers at the top of the plant. The fruit are deep purple berries. They are 5-8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to subtropical plant. It grows in moist shaded forests between 1,800-2,500 m above sea level in the Himalayas. It grows in light shade on dry slopes between 1,800-2,700 m above sea level in southern China. It grows in Sichuan and Yunnan in China.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plants are used as a hedge.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Yunnan the fruit are harvested in August and September.

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