PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus lanceolata Warburg

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

COMMON NAMES Lanceolate-leaved elaeagnus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The mature ripe fruit are edible.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 4 m high. The branches have a greyish covering. The leaves are almost leathery and sword shaped. They are 3-9 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are rounded at the base. They are shiny above and have dense brown scales underneath. The flowers occur singly or in groups. They are tube shaped and 7-10 mm long by 2-3 mm wide. There are 4 lobes at the end. The fruit is oblong and 1-2 m long by 6-7 mm wide. They are red and have brown scales.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in central and western China. It grows in valley forests between 300-2,900 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

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

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