PLANT FACT SHEET

Berberis wilsoniae Hemsl. & E.H.Wilson

GENUS *Berberis* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Wilson barberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are acidic and can be eaten fresh but are often used in preserves, desserts, pies, chutneys etc.
The flowers are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves in colder places. It grows to 1.5 m high. It spreads with branches arching over and touching the ground. The leaves are small, narrow and without teeth. The tip is rounded. The leaves turn yellow, orange or red. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are pink. The fruit turn red. They are 6 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is best with a light to medium well-drained soil. It is resistant to drought and frost. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from hardwood cuttings taken in winter.

NOTES

There are about 450-500 Berberis species.

PICTURES



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