PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus pseudocerasus Lindley

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese sour cherry, Japanese cherry tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Flowers - tea

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also preserved and brewed into wine.
The flowers are salted and used as tea.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 8 m high and spreads 4.5 m wide. The leaves are broadly oval and 7-16 cm long. They taper to the tip and have teeth along the edge. It has reddish buds and pale pink flowers 2 cm across. There are 3-7 flowers in a group. The fruit are pale red cherries 1.5 cm across. They are red and edible.

HABITAT

Temperate. It is cultivated in northern China. It suits hardiness zones 6-8. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The fruit ripen early.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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