PLANT FACT SHEET

Pachysandra terminalis Siebold. & Zucc.

GENUS *Pachysandra* **FAMILY** Buxaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese spurge

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen shrub 20 cm high. It spreads to 50 cm across. Leaves are glossy dark green. They are clustered at the tips of the short stems. The upper half of the leaves are often toothed. Plants are separately male and female so both are required for fruit production. The flowers are small and greenish or white and without petals. The flowers have a pleasant sweet smell.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It grows in moist deciduous woods in valleys and low mountains to 2000 metres. It can grow in shade. It needs moist well drained soil. It does not do well in full sun, dry soils or in windy locations. It can stand frost. Melbourne Botanical gardens. It suits hardiness zones 5-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. It an also be grown from cuttings of half ripe wood. These should be 4-7 cm long and with a node attached. Plants are most easily grown by dividing the clump in spring.

NOTES

There are 4 Pachysandra species.

PICTURES



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