PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium nummularia Hook. f. & Thomson ex C. B. Clarke

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen shrub. It grows 30-40 cm high and spreads 30-40 cm wide. The leaves are rounded and have fine teeth. The leaves are 18 mm long. The flowers are small and pink and occur in clusters. The fruit are dark blue-black. They are 5 mm across. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows naturally trailing over rocks in Bhutan and Sikkim. In SW China it grows on mountain slopes between 2,000-3,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings. These are taken from mature wood of the current year's growth and rooted in a cold frame.

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