PLANT FACT SHEET

Epigaea asiatica Maxim.

GENUS *Epigaea* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese mayflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen plant. It grows 15 cm high and spreads 50 cm wide. The stems are low and lie along the ground. They branch. The leaves are oval and have a wrinkled surface and an irregular edge. The leaves are alternate and have leaf stalks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in the mountains in Japan. It is best in a fertile, well-drained, acid soil. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to frost but damaged by drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by cuttings.

NOTES

There are 3 Epigaea species.

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