PLANT FACT SHEET

Berberis aggregata C. K. Schneid.

GENUS *Berberis* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Salmon barberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten fresh or used in preserves, desserts and sauces.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub. It grows 1.5 m high. It spreads 1.8 m wide. The leaves are oblong. They have teeth at the tip. The leaves are grey-green and 30 mm long. The leaves turn deep red in autumn. The flowers are pale yellow. They are in clusters in the axils of leaves. These are 2.5 cm long. The fruit are red with a grey bloom. They are 6 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can grow in sun or light shade. It is best with moist, well-drained alkaline soil. It is resistant to drought and frost. It suits hardiness zones 6-9. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Stored seed need 2-3 months of cold stratification before sowing. It can be grown from cuttings taken in midwinter.

NOTES

There are about 450-500 Berberis species.

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