PLANT FACT SHEET

Styrax japonicus Siebold & Zuccarini

GENUS *Styrax* **FAMILY** Styracaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese storax, Japanese Snowbell, Japanese snowdrop, Snowbell tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Fruit - oil

DESCRIPTION

A loose open shrub or small tree. It grows 9 m tall and spreads 2.7 m wide. The mature bark is dull grey often with orange cracks. It loses its leaves during winter. The leaves are alternate. The leaves are pear shaped and taper at both ends. They are 10 cm long by 5 cm wide. There are a few small teeth along the edge. They are dark green but silvery white underneath. The leaves turn red or yellow in autumn. The flowers are long and bell-shaped. They are 1.5 cm long. They droop in clusters under the fan like branches. The flowers are white. The fruit is round or egg shaped and grey and like a berry. It is 1.5 cm long and has one seed.

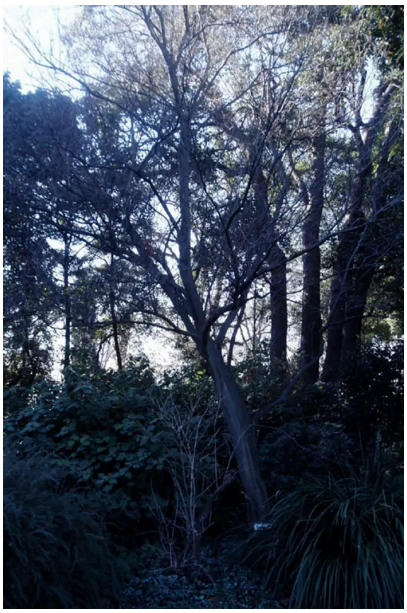
HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to China, Japan and Korea. It is frost hardy. It does best in sunny locations and in rich moist soil. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. Melbourne Botanical gardens. In Sichuan and Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania. National Arboretum Canberra.

NOTES

There are about 100 Styrax species.

PICTURES



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