PLANT FACT SHEET

Nandina domestica Thunb.

GENUS *Nandina* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Heavenly Bamboo, Nandina, Sacred Bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

CAUTION: The fruits, seeds, roots and bark contain poisonous alkaloids.

DESCRIPTION

A thick stemmed shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1.2-1.8 m tall and spreads 90-150 cm wide. The stems are unbranched. They carry large leaves consisting of many narrow segments. The leaves are purplish red when young. Plants are separately male or female. The flowers are white and starry. They have long yellow anthers. The fruit are red berries.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate light frosts. It needs rich, moist soils. The soils should be well drained. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Arboretum Tasmania. In XTBG Yunnan. In Melbourne Botanical Gardens. In Hobart Botanical gardens. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are usually grown from cuttings. A group of plants ensures the best cross pollination. It is difficult to get seed to germinate.

NOTES

There is only one Nandina species. It can be invasive.

PICTURES



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