PLANT FACT SHEET

Cornus hongkongensis Hemsl.

GENUS *Cornus* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is edible and used for making wine.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or tree. It grows 5-15 m high. The young branches have short brown hairs. The leaves are opposite and thickly leathery. They are narrowly oval and 6-12 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The flowers are yellow and in crowded heads. There are 4 white bracts around the flowers. The fruit is round and yellow or red. They are on stalks 4-10 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in evergreen broad-leaved forests between 600-1800 m altitude in China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 45 Cornus species.

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