PLANT FACT SHEET

Ilex asprella (Hooker & Arnott) Champion ex Bentham

GENUS *Ilex* **FAMILY** Aquifoliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 3 m tall. The branches are slender and reddish-brown. The leaves are oval and 4-6 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. Male and female flowers are separate. The fruit are ivak and black. They are 5-7 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In southern China it grows in sparse forests between 400-1,000 m above sea level.

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