PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Euonymus japonicus Thunb.

GENUS *Euonymus* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese spindle tree, Evergreen spindle tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten.
The older leaves are powdered and used for colouring for other foods.
Caution: The fruit is poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading evergreen shrub. It grows 3-3.5 m high. The leaves are dark shiny green. The flowers are pale greenish. The fruit are pink capsules opening to reveal orange seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and subtropical plant. It is grown at high altitudes in the tropics. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Melbourne Botanical Gardens. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from tip cuttings or seed.

NOTES

There are about 175 Euonymus species.

PICTURES



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