PLANT FACT SHEET

Mahonia napaulensis DC.

GENUS *Mahonia* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Nepal mahonia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.
They are also pickled.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows to about 3-6 m high. The leaves have stalks. They are alternate and divided into leaflets along the stalk. There are 13-31 narrow leaflets. The leaflets do not have stalks. The leaflets are oval or sword shaped and with sharp spines. The base is unequal. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers have stalks and are yellow. They are in 30 cm long clusters. The fruit is a berry. It is dark blue when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in Nepal between 1400-2900 m altitude. It grows in the forest. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. In Sichuan and Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Sikkim fruit are available March to April.

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