PLANT FACT SHEET

Taxus cuspidata Siebold & Zucc.

GENUS *Taxus* **FAMILY** Taxaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese yew

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

CAUTION: The seeds are poisonous and tea from the leaves is poisonous.
The sweet aril or ripe fruit pulp is eaten raw or made into jam or brewed into wine.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 15 m high and spreads 6 m wide. The leaves are like needles and are single and keeled. They are sickle shaped. They tend to radiate out from the twigs. They are pale green above and have 2 yellowish-green bands underneath. The bud scales are triangle shaped. The pollen cones are small and in amongst the leaves. The fruit are small red berries.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. They are hardy. It will grow in most alkaline soils. It needs an open, sunny position. It is resistant to drought. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. Hobart Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

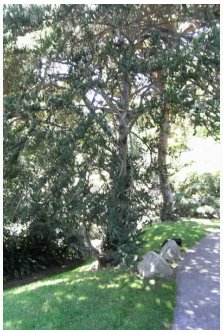
NOTES

There are about 6 Taxus species.

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