PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus cerasoides Buch.-Ham. ex D. Don

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalaya Wild Cherry, Yunnan plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

Ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are acidic.
They are also used to make brandy and wine.
The stem is the source of a gum used in gum tragacanth.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows to about 15 m high. The leaves have stalks. They are alternate. The leaves are 6-12.5 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are oval to sword shaped. They are pointed. There are fine teeth along the edge. The flowers are stalked. The flowers are pink. The fruit are red. They are fleshy and oval. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It grows between 1,000 and 1,800 m altitude. In Nepal it grows between 1300-2400 m altitude. It grows in open places. In India it is in Garhwal Himalayas. It is somewhat frost tender. In Yunnan in China it grows in subtropical broadleaved evergreen forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. They can also be grown by cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is quick growing.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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