PLANT FACT SHEET

Buckleya lanceolata (Sieb. et Zucc.)Miq.

GENUS *Buckleya* **FAMILY** Santalaceae

COMMON NAMES Mi main weng

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Young seed

The fruit contains starch.
The fresh leaves and bark are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2.5 m high. The stems are straight. There are many branches. They are hairy and have ridges or lines along them when young. The leaves are 3-9 cm long by 1.5-2.5 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped. The male flowers are pale yellowish brown and 4-4.5 mm across and in groups at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. The female flowers occur singly at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. The fruit is 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide. It is fleshy with one seed with a hard covering inside.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Japan it grows in coastal sandy land. It grows in forests between 700-1800 m altitude in China.

NOTES

There are about 4 Buckleya species.

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