PLANT FACT SHEET

Nitraria roborowskii Komarov

GENUS *Nitraria* **FAMILY** Nitrariaceae

COMMON NAMES Da bai ci

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten.
The juice is used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2 m all. It can lie along the ground or be erect. The young branches are white. The sterile branches are spiny at the tip. The leaves are in clusters of 2 or 3 on the current year's growth. The leaf blade is oblong or spoon shaped. It is 3-4 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The edge can be wavy with some teeth near the tip. There are only a few flowers. The fruit are dark red and oval. They are about 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on the edges of lakes and near oasis in the desert. It grows below 3,300 m altitude in northern China. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China it flowers in June and fruits in July and August.

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