PLANT FACT SHEET

Zanthoxylum khasianum Hook.f.

GENUS *Zanthoxylum* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Sumer-chheng, Soh-umiuw

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seed

The leaves are cooked as a vegetable.
The fruit are used as a spice or in chutney.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or climber. It grows 3 m tall. The small branches are grey and have prickles. The leaves have 5-13 leaflets. The leaflets are alternate and oval. They are unequal on their sides and are 4-9 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped and the edges are wavy. The fruit are 7-10 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on hillsides and open forests between 1,500-2,500 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in May and fruit July to August.

NOTES

There are about 200 Zanthoxylum species.

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