PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus serrula Franchet

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Birch bark cherry, Tibetan Cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 15 m tall. It is a broad spreading shape. The bark is glossy red-brown and smooth. It has bands of pale lenticels. The bark peels across in strips. The leaves are sword shaped and 10 cm long by 3 cm wide. They taper to a slender point. There are fine teeth along the edges. The leaves are matt dark green. The flowers are white and 2 cm across. They hang down. They are borne singly or in clusters or up to 3. The fruit is an egg shaped cherry. It is about 1 cm long and yellow but becomes red on as it ripens.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to W. China. It grows in woods in the mountains. It grows between 1,200-4,000 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

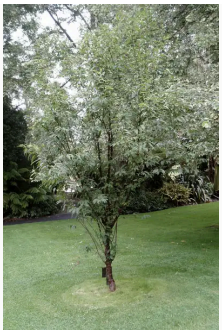
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