PLANT FACT SHEET

Berchemia edgeworthii Lawson

GENUS *Berchemia* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A straggling shrub. It grows to about 3 m high. The leaves are 0.5-3 cm long by 0.3-1.8 cm wide. They are oval. The flowers are very small. They are green and in clusters in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit is a berry. It is blue when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows in high altitude thickets and on cliffs between 2,100-4,500 m above sea level in China. They grow in Nepal from 2400-4000 m altitude. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower July to October and fruit April to July.

NOTES

There are 12 Berchemia species.

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