PLANT FACT SHEET

Picrasma quassioides (D. Don) Benn.

GENUS *Picrasma* **FAMILY** Simaroubaceae

COMMON NAMES Bharangi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Buds - tea

The fruit are eaten.
The young buds are used to make tea.
A bitter extract from the tree is used as a hop substitute for brewing beer

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub or tree. It grows 8 m high and spreads 8 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are divided into leaflets along the stalk. The leaflets are opposite and have sharp teeth. They turn yellow to orange in autumn. The flowers are small and pale green. They are in loose clusters. The fruit are berry like. They are small and red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs a well-drained soil. It can grow in sun or light shade. In Pakistan it grows in mountains in mixed forest between 1,400-3,200 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 3-9. Burnie Rhodo Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 6 Picrasma species in the Americas and 6 in Asia.

PICTURES



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