PLANT FACT SHEET

Oemleria cerasiformis (Torr. & A. Gray ex Hook. & Arn.) J. W. Landon

GENUS *Oemleria* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Oso berry, Indian peach, Oregon plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten raw or cooked. They need to be well ripe. They can be eaten with oil.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub. It grows about 2-3 m high. It forms suckers. The branches are slender and erect. They are smooth and grey. The leaves are oblong and glossy and green. They are grey and slightly downy underneath. The male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowers are white. They hang along stalks. The fruit are like plums. They become purple when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in moist woodlands in North America. It suits shady places. It needs good, moist soil. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, cuttings or suckers.

NOTES

There is only one Oemleria species.

PICTURES



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