PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus buergeriana Miq.

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Dog cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are pickled in salt and used as a condiment.
The seeds are eaten raw or cooked unless too bitter.
The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 6-12 m tall. It can be taller. Young branches are purple brown. The leaves are oblong and 4-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are pale underneath. There are 20-30 flowers in a group. The flowers are 5-7 mm across. The petals are white. The flowers are small. The fruit are green and ripen to red then black. They are about 5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in dense forests and on sunny slopes between 1,000-3,400 m above sea level in China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in April to May and fruit May to October.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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