PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Cotoneaster frigidus* Wall. ex Lindl.

**GENUS** *Cotoneaster* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Tsar

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves - tea

The fruit are bitter but sweet and are eaten raw.
The leaves are used for tea.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows to 10 m tall. The branches are spreading and young branches are angular. The leaves are narrowly oval and 4-8 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The fruit is bright red and narrowly oval. It is 4-5 mm across.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in broad-leaved deciduous forests between 2,800-3,300 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Harvesting and Seed Production

In western China it flowers in March to May and fruits September to October.

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