PLANT FACT SHEET

Prinsepia sinensis (Oliv.) Oliv. ex Bean

GENUS *Prinsepia* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Cherry prinsepia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They can also be made into jelly.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading open shrub. It has spines and loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2-3 m tall. The crown is rounded. The leaves are sword shaped and bright green. They are 8 cm long and 2.5 cm wide. The flowers are bright yellow and have 5 petals. They are fragrant. The flowers are produced along the entire stem length. They are in clusters of 1-4 on the previous year's growth. They fruit is cherry like. It is edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in shady places and open places and beside streams. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. These are best if given cold treatment before planting. Plants can be transplanted and pruned. Plants can be grown by stem cuttings or half ripe wood. They can also be grown by layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

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

NOTES

There are 4 Prinsepia species.

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