PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium vacciniaceum (Roxb.) Sleumer

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Tibetan blueberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit

The flowers are acidic and used in curries.
The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub that can grow attached to trees. It grows 50 cm tall. The leaves are in a ring of 5-8. The leaf blades are oblong to sword shaped and 4-5 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. The leaf blades are wedge shaped at the base. The flowers are in groups 2-6 cm long. The flowers are greenish yellow. The fruit is a berry that has about 10 chambers.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests between 2,300-2,400 m above sea level in Tibet. In Sikkim it grows between 1,200-1,800 m above sea level. In the Himalayas in India it grows between 1,200-2,400 m above sea level.

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