PLANT FACT SHEET

Spiraea prunifolia Siebold. & Zucc.

GENUS *Spiraea* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Plum-leaved Spiraea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

CAUTION: Because the leaves contain hydrocyanic acid they should be cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub or rounded bush. It grows 2 m high and spreads 2 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are egg shaped and have very small teeth. The leaves turn reddish-orange in autumn. The flowers are white and double. They are in clusters.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 4-10. Arboretum Tasmania. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 70-100 Spiraea species.

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