PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus cornuta (Wallich ex Royle) Steud.

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan bird cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

Ripe fruit are eaten raw.
They are also used in brewing local liquor.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It has grey-brown bark. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are 2.5-17 cm long by 1-7.5 cm wide. They are oblong to sword shaped. They have long points. They have close, fine teeth. The flowers are white. They occur in long drooping clusters. These can be 10-15 cm long. The flowers are 1 cm across. The fruit is round. It is dark purple or black when ripe. The fruit are 8 mm across. They are acid and edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal it occurs between 2100-3500 m altitude. It grows in deciduous forest on shady slopes.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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