PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium oldhamii Miquel

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinggumnamu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh and used for wine.

DESCRIPTION

A compact upright shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows from 1-3 m tall. The older branches and slender and dark brown. The leaves are oval or curved and slightly pointed at the tip and base. They are 3-7 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are paler green underneath. There can be coarse hairs on the upper surface. The leaves turn bright red in autumn. The flowers are 3-5 mm long with downy flower stalks. The flowers occur as many together along stalks 4-6 cm long. These are at the ends of young shoots. The flowers are bell shaped and pale brown or red. The fruit are round berries 8 mm across. They are black.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In north China it grows in thickets on mountain slopes between 200-700 m above sea level. It grows naturally in woods near the foot of mountains in Japan and Korea.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings. Cuttings need to be rooted with high humidity.

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