PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeagnus indica Servett.

GENUS *Elaeagnus* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climber or straggling shrub. It can climb over trees. It can be 4-6 m long. It is covered with silvery scales. There are thorns in the axils of leaves. There are 1-2 cm long. The leaves are 9-14 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. They are oval and taper to the tip. They are silvery white underneath. The flowers are in groups of 3-6 and have both sexes. The fruit is red and fleshy over a nut 2.6 cm long by 1.2 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in deciduous forests.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India plants flower December to April.

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