PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus prunifolioides Hu

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Zhikeinelei

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m tall. The leaves are lighter green underneath. They are oblong and 8-15 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. There are 8-15 flowers in a group in the axils of leaves or where leaves have fallen. The fruit is oval and shiny. It is 2 cm long by 1 cm wide and it is rounded at both ends. There is one seed about 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is grown in Yunnan in China between 1300-1600 m above sea level. It grows in broadleaved, subtropical evergreen forest.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in January and February and fruit February to May.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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