PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhamnus arguta Maxim.

GENUS *Rhamnus* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Yaxil

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The mature fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-3 m tall. It can have spines. The leaves are opposite or alternate. The leaves are 2-6 cm long by 2-5 cm long. Male and female flowers are separate. The fruit is round and black when mature. It is 6-7 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In north China it grows in forests and thickets below 2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in May and June and fruit June to September.

NOTES

There are about 160 Rhamnus species.

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