



PLANT FACT SHEET

Berberis heteropoda Schrenk ex Fisch. & C. A. Mey.

GENUS *Berberis* FAMILY Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Central Asian barberry, Black-fruited barberry, Hillside plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The mature fruit are gathered then dried and used to prepare a drink by boiling 31g of fruit in 4 cups of water and mixed with sugar. It is used as a tonic drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2 m high. The older branches are grey while younger branches are reddish-brown. The leaves are grey-green and 7.5 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are oval and entire with raised veins underneath. There are 5-9 yellow flowers in a group. The fruit are violet-black. They have a bluish covering. They are round or oval and 12 mm across. The seeds have a net like surface.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Kazakhstan it grows on mountain slopes. In western China it grows on arid steppe lands between 900-3,200 m above sea level.

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