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Description for Mahuang

Plant height: 3 - 6 inches (7 - 16 cm)

Plant spread:

Ephedra is a genus of gymnosperm shrubs, the only genus in its family, Ephedraceae, and order, Ephedrales. with numerous densely clustered erect slender, smooth, green, jointed branches, arising from a branched woody base.

Branches have scales at the joints. Male cones are ovate, 6-8 mm, solitary or 2-3, with 4-8 flowers each with 5-8 anthers with fused filaments, and rounded fused bracts.

Common name(s): Ephedra, somlata, joint-pine

Flower colours: Yellow to Green

Bloom time: May to June

Max reachable height: Up to 25 feet

Difficulty to grow: Easy to grow

Planting and care

Ephedra should be planted in dry locations. It thrives in ordinary loamy soil and does very well in a loose rocky soil with full sun and little water. It is most often propagated by division of the clumps in spring, and seeds sown in a light sandy soil in early spring. It may also be propagated by layers and suckers.

Sunlight: Full Sun to Partial Shade

Soil: Well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 68 degrees F

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Mahuang

- Start with pruning shears for smaller growth.
- Use loppers, which look like giant, long-handle shears, for growth that is more than half an inch thick.
- A small pruning saw is handy, as it cuts on both the push and the pull.

Typical uses of Mahuang

Special features: Fruit is ovoid 7-10 mm, with fleshy red succulent bracts enclosing the seeds. Goats and yaks feed on the branches during winter. Gerard Jointfir is found on stony slopes, gravel terraces and drier places in the Himalayas.

Culinary use: NA

Ornamental use: The plant is used for an ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: NA

References

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