PLANT FACT SHEET

Dianthus chinensis L.

GENUS *Dianthus* **FAMILY** Caryophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese pink

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A short lived plant often grown as an annual. It grows 30-45 cm high and spreads 15-23 cm wide. It is a bushy plant. The stems have easy to see nodes. The leaves are slender. They are light green, pointed and 8 cm long. The flowers are red, pink or white. They are about 2.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is often planted amongst rocks. It is best in a light to medium, well-drained soil. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 320 Dianthus species. The plant is used in medicine.

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