PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus coronaria (L.) Miller

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet crab apple, Garland crab, Wild crab apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for preserves, pickles, marmalades and vinegar. They can be stored for an extended time to lose some of their acidity. They are also dried. The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.
They are also used for cider.

DESCRIPTION

A very small deciduous tree. It grows up to 9 m high. The trunk is 30 cm across. The crown is irregular and spreading. The bark is red-brown and scaly. It develops cracks along it. The leaves are long triangle shaped. They are 3-10 cm long by 6 cm wide. The base is rounded or heart shaped. The teeth increase in size from the tip downwards and can become lobes near the base. The flowers are white streaked with pink. They occur in small clusters of 2-3. The fruit are almost round and 25-35 mm across. They are sour.

HABITAT

It is native to E. North America. Temperate. It grows in the shade of larger broad leafed trees. It grows in moist soils. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

NOTES

There are about 35 Malus species and very many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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