PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa californica Cham. & Schldl.

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES California rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Flowers - tea

The flowers are soaked in water to make a drink.
The buds are eaten fresh.
The fruit are used for food.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2 m high and spreads 1.8 m wide. The stems have stout prickles. The leaves are mid green. The flowers are pink and have a mild scent. They occur in clusters. They have 5 petals. The fruit are round hips that are orange-red. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best in a moist loamy soil and an open sunny position. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by cuttings or grafting.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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