PLANT FACT SHEET

Crataegus crus-galli L.

GENUS *Crataegus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Cockspur hawthorn, Cockspurthorn, Hog-apple, Newcastle-thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They can be used in jellies and jams. The fruit can be dried.

DESCRIPTION

A very small deciduous tree. It grows 8-10 m high. It is wide spreading. The bark is dark brown and scaly. The leaves are 10 cm long by 4 cm wide. They usually have a rounded wide tip. The leaves are sharply toothed. There are many slender thorns. They are 5-7 cm long. The flowers are 1.5 cm across. They are white with 5 petals and pink anthers. They occur in rounded heads. The fruit are 6-10 mm across. They are deep orange-red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is native to eastern North America. Temperate. It will grow in most soils. It is resistant to frost and drought. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seed need cold treatment. Plants can also be grafted.

NOTES

There are 200 or more Crataegus species.

PICTURES



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