PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa gallica var. officinalis Thory

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Apothecary's rose, French rose, Rose de Provence

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Herb, flower, Flowers

Rosehips are used in jellies, syrups and liqueurs.
Petals are used to flavour vinegar and can be crystallised and used as a sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A prickly shrub up to 1.5 m high. It is a dense bush which spreads by suckers. Leaves are oval and leathery. The flowers are crimson and have a double ring of petals. The fruit are dull red hips.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits cool climates. It can grow in warm and arid areas. It needs full sunlight. It needs a well drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 5-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. They can also be grown from suckers. Each sucker should have its own roots. Hardwood cuttings 20 cm long can be used. It does not need annual pruning. Plants can be cut back to ground level in winter or when dormant to rejuvenate bushes.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Rosehips are harvested in autumn when fully ripe. Flowers can be picked and used immediately.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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