PLANT FACT SHEET

Aster amellus L.

GENUS *Aster* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Italian Aster

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A perennial herb. It grows 30-60 cm high and 35-45 cm wide. The leaves are grey-green. They are rough to the touch. The flower heads are mauve-blue with yellow centres.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is frost hardy. It is best in well-composted, well-drained soils. It suits an open sunny position. It is damaged by drought. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by division.

NOTES

There are about 250 Aster species.

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