PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus yunnanensis (Franch.) C. K. Schneid.

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Yunnan crabapple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 10 m tall. It is a broad column shape. The bark is dark grey-brown. It peels in small flakes. It is orange-brown when freshly exposed. The leaves are broadly oval and 10 cm long by 9 cm wide. They are heart shaped at the base. They are pointed at the tip and have shallow lobes. There are fine teeth. They are matt pale green above and softly hairy underneath. They turn orange to red and purple in autumn. The flowers are 1.2 cm across and are borne in flattened heads. The fruit are rounded and hard. They are 1.5 cm across and deep red colour. They occur in dense clusters.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to SW China. It grows in woods and thickets on mountain slopes. Burnie Rhodo Garden. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in May and fruit in August to Septermber.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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