PLANT FACT SHEET

Fuchsia boliviana Carrière

GENUS *Fuchsia* **FAMILY** Onagraceae

COMMON NAMES Bolivian Fuchsia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub or small tree. It grows to 3.5 m high. The leaves are soft and grey green. Sometimes the veins are reddish. They grow in rings of three. They are narrowly oval or egg shaped. They have a pointed tip and there are teeth along the edge. The flowers hang down and occur in clusters as long scarlet tubes. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is frost tender. In Argentina it grows between 500-3,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 106 Fuchsia species. There are also 1000's of hybrids and cultivated varieties.

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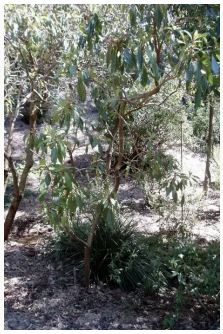

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