PLANT FACT SHEET

Cistus salviifolius L.

GENUS *Cistus* **FAMILY** Cistaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican origanum, Sage-leafed rock rose, Sage-leaved Cistus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Seeds - seasoning

The dried leaves are used as an adulterant of marjoram.

DESCRIPTION

A low shrub. It lies along the ground. It grows 75 cm high and spreads 75 cm wide. The leaves are wrinkled and rough. They are dark grey-green on the upper surface and whitish grey underneath. They are downy on both surfaces. The leaves are oval and have a wedge shaped base. They are 10-40 mm long. They have 3 veins. The flowers are usually borne singly. They have white petals. The flowers are 30-50 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in rocky places and stony dry hillsides. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown byseeds.

NOTES

There are about 20 Cistus species.

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