PLANT FACT SHEET

Cedronella canariensis (L.) Webb & Berthel.

GENUS *Cedronella* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Balm of Gilead, Canary balm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Herb, Leaves - tea, Leaves - spice

Leaves are used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A small woody perennial shrub. It grows 1 m high and spreads 1 m wide. The stem is erect and branching. The leaves are soft and have wide teeth along the edge. The flowers are purple, small and tube shaped.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best in well-drained, moist and well-composted soils. It needs a protected sunny position. It needs to be in frost free areas. It is sensitive to drought. In Hobart Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings. The plants can be divided in the spring.

NOTES

Possibly for perfume. There is only one Cedronella species.

PICTURES



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