PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhododendron simsii Planch.

GENUS *Rhododendron* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Vegetable

The flowers are cooked and eaten as a vegetable. They are also dipped in sugar and eaten in salads.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows about 2 m tall. The summer and winter leaves are different. The leaves are oval and 2-5 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped and the edges are rolled. There are fine teeth along the edge. The flowers are in groups of 2-3. They are funnel shaped and red, pink or with dark red flecks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to tropical plant. in China it grows in pine forests between 500-2,700 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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