PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhododendron mucronulatum Turcz.

GENUS *Rhododendron* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Manchurian azalea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Root - drink

The flowers are eaten raw. They are also used in dumplings and wine.
The root is used to make a sweet drink with fermented wine.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 1-2 m tall. It has many thin branches. The leaves are narrowly oval and 3-7 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. They are brown underneath. The flowers can occur singly or as 3 together. They are funnel shaped and pale red or purple.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on the edges of forests in north China.

PICTURES



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