PLANT FACT SHEET

Paeonia x suffruticosa Andrews

GENUS *Paeonia* **FAMILY** Paeoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Tree peony

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower, Flowers

The fallen flower petals are parboiled, sweetened and eaten. They are also cooked in various dishes.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2 m tall and 3 m wide. The flowers are pink to white. It often has purple patches at the base of the petals. There are a large number of hybrids as well as the original.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can grow in a range of soils including very alkaline. It is best in moist soil. It can tolerate light shade. It suits hardiness zones 4-8. Arboretum Tasmania. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. It can be grown as a hedge.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly but last a long time.

NOTES

The roots have anticancer properties.
The flowers have anti-oxidant properties.

PICTURES



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