PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus unshiu (Mak.) Marcovich

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Satsuma mandarin, Satsuma orange

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh or as juice. The skin is used for juice drinks.
It is also canned and bottled as a frozen juice.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It has spines. It grows 3-4 m high. The leaves are thin and slightly leathery. They are smooth, and shiny on the upper surface. They are 4-8 cm long. The leaf stalk is 2-4 cm long and has wings. The flowers can occur singly or in small groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and have a thin skin. The fruit has segments that separate easily and a skin that is easily removed. They do not have seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate cold to -11°C.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 20 Citrus species. Several hybrids have been formed.
It has anticancer properties.

PICTURES



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