PLANT FACT SHEET

Sempervivum tectorum L.

GENUS *Sempervivum* **FAMILY** Crassulaceae

COMMON NAMES Houseleek, Hen and Chickens

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten raw in salads.
They are also used for making juices.

DESCRIPTION

A perennial herb. The leaves form in rosettes. It grows 8-15 cm high and spreads 30-50 cm wide. The leaves are blue-green. There are bristles at the tip. They turn red-purple. The flowers are purplish-pink.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is frost hardy. It can tolerate temperatures down to -12°C. It can tolerate temperatures to 38°C if shaded. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from offsets.

NOTES

There are about 40 Sempervivum species.

PICTURES



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