PLANT FACT SHEET

Tagetes patula L.

GENUS *Tagetes* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet scented Marigold

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - spice, Flowers - tea, Root, Seed

The leaves are used as a spice or flavouring.
The dried flowers are used to colour butter and cheese.
The flowers are used for a tea.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is smaller than Tagetes erecta. It grows 20-50 cm high and spreads 15-30 cm wide. The stems are round and purple. The leaves are divided into leaflets along the stalk. The segments are sword shaped and they have narrow teeth. The flowers can have reddish-brown colours. They can occur singly or in clusters.

Probably now Tagetes erecta.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 11-12.

NOTES

There are about 50 Tagetes species.

PICTURES



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