PLANT FACT SHEET

Bergenia crassifolia (L.) Fritsch

GENUS *Bergenia* **FAMILY** Saxifragaceae

COMMON NAMES Siberian tea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Leaves - flavouring

The leaves are used for "Tschager" tea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen plant. It grows 50 cm high and spreads 70 cm wide. The rootstock is thick and woody. The stems are thick. The leaves are oval and deep green. There are teeth around the edge. The flowers are pink or red and have 5 petals. The flowers are in dense groups.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is best in a light to medium soil. It needs to be well-drained. It needs a cool sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost. It grows between 1,100- 1,800 m above sea level in western China. In Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division.

PICTURES



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