PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhododendron anthopogon D. Don

GENUS *Rhododendron* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - tea, Leaves - tea

The flowers are dried and used as a substitute for tea.
The leaves are boiled in water for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A compact shrub. It grows about 30-90 cm high. It spreads 90 cm wide. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are oval and can have a sharp tip. The upper surface is slightly scaly and the lower surface is densely scaly. The leaves have an aroma when crushed. The flowers are yellow or red. They are tube shaped. The fruit is a capsule. It is oval and enclosed in a layer of the flower which remains.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal it grows between 3300-4600 m altitude. It grows on open, moist hillsides. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 850 Rhododendron species.

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