PLANT FACT SHEET

Cosmos atrosanguineus (Hook.) Voss

GENUS *Cosmos* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Black cosmos, Chocolate cosmos

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - flavouring

The flowers are occasionally used for flavouring. They have a chocolate fragrance.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 40-60 cm tall. It has a fleshy tuberous root. The leaves are 7-15 cm long with leaflets along the stalk. These are 2-5 cm long. The flowers are dark red and have a chocolate or vanilla scent.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division of the tubers.

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