PLANT FACT SHEET

Crataegus laciniata Bork.

GENUS *Crataegus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Woody hawthorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw or cooked and used in pies and preserves. They can be dried.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub or tree. It grows 6 m high. It is broadly spreading. It is thorny. The bark is grey and flakes into thin plates. The leaves are diamond shaped and 5 cm long and across. They are deeply lobed. The lobes can have teeth at the tip. They are glossy green above and grey and hairy underneath. The flowers are 2 cm across and white with pink anthers. They grow in dense clusters. The fruit are rounded and red. They are 2 cm across. They have a flattened top.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It is native to SW Asia and SE Europe. It grows on the edges of woods and thickets. Temperate. It is resistant to frost and drought. It suits hardiness zones 6-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seed need cold treatment. Plants can also be grafted.

NOTES

There are 200 or more Crataegus species.

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