PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa chinensis Jacq.

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES China rose, Chinese tea rose, Monthly rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit, Leaves, Seeds, Stem

The young shoots and leaves, flower buds and opened flowers are parboiled and eaten as potherbs, or in stir-fried dishes or in soups.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can be a climber. It grows 6 m high and spreads 2.4 m wide. It keeps its leaves except in areas with very cold winters. Leaves have 3-5 leaflets. Flowers in wild plants are single and white or pink. The fruit are greenish-brown or red hips.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It is native to China. It has become naturalised in the Adelaide Hills. In XTBG Yunnan. In Sichuan. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and by grafting, cuttings and divisions.

NOTES

Used as medicine in Indonesia. There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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