PLANT FACT SHEET

Crataegus tanacetifolia (Poir.) Pers.

GENUS *Crataegus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Tansy-leaved hawthorn, Syrian haw

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6-10 m high and spreads 8 m wide. The shoots usually do not have thorns. The leaves are dark green and egg shaped. They are 6 cm long and have fine lobes with teeth along the edge. The fruit are 2-3 cm across. They are orange-yellow. They have the scent and flavour of apples.

HABITAT

Temperate. It can grow on a range of soils and with various pH values. It can tolerate very wet soils as well as drought. Plants are cold hardy. 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.

PICTURES



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