PLANT FACT SHEET

Pyrus decora (Sarg.) Hyland

GENUS *Pyrus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Showy mountain ash, Northern Mountain-ash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Spice

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows up to 15 m tall. The trunk is 15 cm across. The trunk is straight. It has a short rounded crown. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 13-17 leaflets on a central stalk. The stalk is about 20 cm long. The leaflets are narrow and oval. They are 3-8 cm long. They have fine teeth from the middle to the tip. The upper surface is blue-green and they are paler underneath. They are slightly hairy when young. The flowers are on short, stout hairy stalks. The petals are round. They are 4-5 mm long. The occur in dense clusters with many flowers. The fruit are shiny and red. They are 8-10 mm across. They occur in many fruited round clusters. The fruit are bitter.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on the rocky banks of rivers and lakes. It suits hardiness zones 2-8.

NOTES

There are about 75 Sorbus species.

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