PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus indica (Wall.) B.B.Liu

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian crab apple, Assam apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw, cooked or salted.
The fruit are also made into pickles.
The fruit can be made into a soft gel.
The fruit are used for jam.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 5-12 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are 3.5-10 cm long. They are oblong to sword shaped and taper to the tip. They have teeth along the edge. They have woolly hairs underneath. Flowers are white and 2.5 cm wide. The fruit is round or spindle shaped.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 1000-2000 m altitude. In India it grows between 900-1,800 m altitude. It grows in open places. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Yields can be 6-58 kg per tree. In NE India plants flower and fruit February to September.

NOTES

The tree is used as a rootstock for apples.

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