PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus asiatica Nakai

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese apple, Nunggum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh and used for jam and syrup.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 4-6 m high. The young branches are stout and hairy. The leaves are narrowly oval and 5-11 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. There are fine teeth along the edge. They are densely hairy underneath. The flowers are pink and 3-4 cm across. The fruit are a flattened round shape. They are 4-5 cm across. They are yellow with a tinge of red. There are many cultivars.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In China it grows on open slopes and sandy soils between sea level and 2,800 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 35 Malus species and very many cultivated varieties.

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