PLANT FACT SHEET

Origanum marjorana L.

GENUS *Origanum* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Marjoram, Sweet basil, Sweet marjoram

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Herb, Spice, Seeds, Leaves - tea

The sweet spicy leaves are used to flavour meat dishes. They are used in syrups, stews, sauces, soups, sausages, stuffings, etc. They can be used fresh or dried.
The seeds flavour sweets, drinks and meat products.
Leaves are used to tea.

DESCRIPTION

An annual bushy plant up to 40-60 cm high. It can keep growing from year to year. It has a strong smell. It has small grey green leaves on tough woody stems. The leaves are oval and entire. They are 2.5 cm long. It has knotted flower heads with white, pink or purple flowers.

HABITAT

A Mediterranean climate plant. It is suited to highland areas in the tropics. It is sensitive to frost. (?). It needs a sunny position. In Hobart Botanical gardens. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are mostly grown from seeds. It can also be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are 20 Origanum species. It has anticancer properties.

PICTURES



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