PLANT FACT SHEET

Lagerstroemia indica L.

GENUS *Lagerstroemia* **FAMILY** Lythraceae

COMMON NAMES Indian lilac

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 7 m tall. The branches are slender and 4 angled. The leaves often do not have leaf stalks. The leaves are broadly oval and 3-7 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flower panicles are 7-20 cm long. The petals are purple, pink or white. The fruit capsule is 1 cm long by 1 cm wide. The seeds are winged.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in partly shaded places and in good soil. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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