PLANT FACT SHEET

Tanacetum parthenium (L.) Sch. Bip.

GENUS *Tanacetum* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Feverfew, Wild camomile

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - tea

The dried flowers are used as tea or in wine and in some pastries. They are also used to flavour vinegar. CAUTION: Handling the leaves can cause skin rashes and eating them can cause mouth ulcers.

DESCRIPTION

A short lived perennial herb. It has a strong smell. It grows 45-60 cm high and spreads 30-45 cm wide. The leaves are yellow-green and oval. The leaves can be 8 cm long and divided into lobes along the stalk. The flowers are daisy-like and in clusters. The flowers are 2.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is hardy to frost. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

PICTURES



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