PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhododendron setosum D. Don

GENUS *Rhododendron* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flower petals - tea, Leaves - tea

The dried petals are used as a substitute for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows about 30 cm high. The branches are densely covered with bristles. The leaves are 8-15 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. They are oblong and scaly on the upper surface. They are densely scaly and bristly underneath. The flowers are bright purple or pink. The fruit is a capsule. It is oval.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal it grows between 3,700-5,600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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