PLANT FACT SHEET

Crataegus songarica C. Koch

GENUS *Crataegus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Dzhungarskei hawthorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for drinks. The fruit are also eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A large shrub or small tree. It has many trunks. These are 5-9 cm across. The bark is reddish-grey. It splits and peels off in thin strips. The leaves are widely oval and slightly hairy. There are 5-9 unequal lobes. The base is wedge shaped. There are 28-35 flowers in a group. The flowers are 1.8 cm across. They have densely hairy stalks. The fruit are widely oval. They are 1.3 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are dark red with orange, sweet flesh. They are edible. Each fruit has 2-3 seeds.

HABITAT

Temperate. In Kazakhstan it grows on rocky slopes in the middle mountain regions. In western China it grows between 500-2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seed need cold treatment. Plants can also be grafted.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In western China plants flower in May and fruit in July.

NOTES

There are 200 or more Crataegus species. It is also used in medicine.
The fruit are rich in ascorbic acid 31-108 mg/100 g and Vit A 380-680 mg / 100 g fruit.

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