PLANT FACT SHEET

Jasminum officinale L.

GENUS *Jasminum* **FAMILY** Oleaceae

COMMON NAMES Poet's jasmine, Common jasmine, Jessamine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Flowers - flavour

The flowers are eaten. They are also used for flavour or scent tea.
They produce an essential oil that gives a bittersweet flavour to baked goods, ice cream, candy and chewing gum.

DESCRIPTION

It is a deciduous shrub. It is twining and climbing. The stems are green. The leaves are divided into leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 6 cm long. There are 5-9 leaflets. The flowers are white and fragrant. They are 2 cm across. The fruit are black berries. There are several named cultivated kinds.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by semi-ripe cuttings.

PICTURES



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