PLANT FACT SHEET

Sorbus tianschanica Rupr.

GENUS *Sorbus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Tien-Shan mountain ash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten and are best after frosts.

DESCRIPTION

A large shrub or small tree. It grows 3-5 m tall. It has a wide crown. The young shoots are greenish-brown and have some hairs. Older shoots are reddish and have thin bark that peels off. The leaves are compound with an odd number of leaflets. They are 10-16 cm long. There are 6 to 8 pairs of leaflets. The flowering groups are very large. They are loose and 10-15 cm wide with 25-30 flowers. The fruit are 12 mm across. They are yellow-red when young and become dark red at maturity. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Kazakhstan it grows near the upper edges of fir forests at 2,000-3,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds, layering or root sprouts.

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