PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus japonica cv japonica (Thunb.) Swingle

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Kumquat, Round kumquat

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit can be eaten whole or preserved. They are used for jams and jellies. (The seeds are removed)

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It is thorny. It grows to about 4 m high. The leaves are simple and entire. They are up to 7 cm long. They have blunt tips. They are leathery. The flowers are white. The fruit are 3 cm across. They are smooth and shiny. They are divided into 4-7 compartments. They are yellow. The skin is thin and waxy and is spicy.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in subtropical locations. In Nepal it grows between 1000-1500 m altitude. They can tolerate temperatures below freezing. They also show winter dormancy. It suits hardiness zones 9-10. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

The Fortunella's will probably be renamed Citrus. There are 5 Fortunella species.
These are now Citrus japonica.

PICTURES



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