PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa roxburghii Trattinnick

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet chestnut rose, Burr rose, Roxburgh's rose, Silk-reeling flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Leaves - tea

The fruit are used for herbal tea and also for jam and wine.
The leaves are used as a tea substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A stiff shrub. It grows 2 m high and spreads 2 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The branches are angular. The bark becomes flaky and peels off. The leaves have 15 small, light green leaflets. It has double pink flowers. These are darker towards the centre. The rose hips have spines.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on mountain slopes and beside streams between 500-1,400 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. In Sichuan.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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