PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinus mugo Turra

GENUS *Pinus* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf mountain pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - drink, Buds, Young cones, Seeds - oil

The young branches and leaves are use to make a health drink.
A vanillin flavouring is obtained as a by-product of other resins from the pulpwood.
The cones and buds are harvested in spring then dried and these gradually drip syrup that is boiled down to produce pine syrup that is mixed with sugar.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 4.5 m tall and spreads 8 m wide. The leaves are dark green. The flowers are yellow.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs well-drained soils. It can grow in poor soils. It is hardy to hardiness zone 3.
Arboretum Tasmania. Hobart Botanical Garden.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are not self fertile. More than one tree is necessary for cones. Plants can be grown from seeds. The germination of stored seeds can be improved by cold treatment.

PICTURES



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