PLANT FACT SHEET

Dianthus superbus L.

GENUS *Dianthus* **FAMILY** Caryophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Fringed pink

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves

The leaves and young plant are cooked and eaten.
The flowers are sucked for the nectar.

DESCRIPTION

A herb which forms mats. It grows up to 60 cm tall. The leaves are pale green-grey. The flower stems are slender. The flowers are mauve-pink. They have a green or purple "eye" at the centre. The flowers are large and have an aroma. They have 5 petals and are deeply and irregularly split.

HABITAT

It grows in wooded hills, forest openings and margins, grassy hillsides, meadows, mountain valley streams, river banks between 400–3700 m altitude in China. It is frost hardy. It can thrive in damp situations. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. In Yunnan and Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 320 Dianthus species.

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