PLANT FACT SHEET

Dahlia coccinea Cav.

GENUS *Dahlia* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Jicama, Single-flowered dahlia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The flowers are used in salads. Also they are used in cream, cheese, dahlia dip and sundried tomto and dahlia bread.

DESCRIPTION

A daisy family plant with a tuberous root. It grows 2-3 m high and spreads 0.6-1.2 m wide. It is one of the main parents of the modern Dahlia. The leaves are divided 3 times and are dark green but often with a purple tint. The leaflets are oval and have teeth. The flower heads are clustered with 2 or 3 together. They can be yellow, red or purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It will grow in most well-drained soils. It needs a protected sunny position. It is resistant to frost but damaged by drought. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or by division.

NOTES

There are about 30 Dahlia species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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