PLANT FACT SHEET

Crataegus chrysocarpa Ashe

GENUS *Crataegus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Fireberry hawthorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten in times of food shortage.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows to 6 m tall. The leaves are small and about 4 cm long. They are almost round. They are lobed and have teeth. The thorns are about 6 cm long and blackish. They are slender and straight. The flowers are 15 mm wide. They have 5 white petals. There are 5-10 pale yellow stamens. The fruit are hairy. They are 10-15 mm across. They are normally deep red. The fruit stalk is hairy.

HABITAT

Temperate. It grows in moist valleys. It is best in a sunny position. It is resistant to frost and drought. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seed need cold treatment. Plants can also be grafted.

NOTES

There are 200 or more Crataegus species.

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