PLANT FACT SHEET

Cercis chinensis Bunge

GENUS *Cercis* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese redbud

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-5 m tall. The leaves are a triangle or oval shape and 5-10 cm long. The flowers are purple, red, pink or white. They are 1-1.3 cm across. They are in clusters of 2-10 flowers. The pod is green and oblong and 4-8 cm long by 1 cm wide. There are 2-6 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests in limestone areas. In Sichuan and Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

PICTURES



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