PLANT FACT SHEET

Malva arborea (L.) Webb & Berthel.

GENUS *Malva* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Tree Mallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A stout herb. It completes its life cycle over 2 years. It grows 1-3 m tall. The branches are woody. The leaf blade is kidney shaped. It is 7-20 cm long by 7-20 cm wide. There are 5-9 lobes. The edges of the leaf are irregular. There can be a flower at the end of a branch or 1-4 flowers in the axils of leaves. The flower is red-purple. They are 4-5 cm across. The fruit is a capsule. It is about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows easily in high rainfall areas. It grows on cliffs in western Europe in coastal regions. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 25 Lavatera species.

PICTURES



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