PLANT FACT SHEET

Pelargonium bowkeri Harvey

GENUS *Pelargonium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

The leaves are eaten as a green vegetable.
The roots are eaten as a meal.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub which forms tubers and over-winters using these. It grows 30-40 cm high and spreads 50-100 cm wide. The roots are thickened and like tubers. The lower leaves are simple, rounded and have teeth. The later leaves are finely divided and like feathers. The flowers have fringed petals. They are pink. There are 2 upper petals and then the lower petals are finely divided into filaments.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. It grows between 300-2.200 m altitude in South Africa. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 600-800 mm. It can tolerate frost. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-10.

NOTES

There are about 230 Pelargonium species.

PICTURES



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