PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus kirghisorum Al.Fed & An.Fed

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Kirghiz apple, Kyrgyz apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit are eaten fresh and also made into cider, stewed and use for juice. They are also dried.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m tall. The bark is dark grey. The crown is broad and umbrella shaped. The shoots are long and thin and do not have spines. The leaves are papery and 5-10 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped and taper to the base. There are a few hairs underneath. The flowers are large and 3-5 cm across and pale pink. The fruit vary in size, shape, colour and flavour. The fruit occur singly and are 3-8 cm across. The skin can be yellow, green or red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in Kazakhstan between 1,200-1,800 m above sea level. It grows in deep forest soils. It is frost resistant.

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