PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Cinchona pubescens* Vahl

**GENUS** *Cinchona* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Red cinchona, Redbark

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Bark, Spice

The bark is the source of an extract used to flavour liqueurs, bitters and soft drinks. It is also used to flavour baked goods and relishes.

## DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 10-30 m tall. The small branches are thick and hairy. The leaf blades are broadly oval. They are 45 cm long by 15 cm wide. They are thin textures and hairy on both sides. The flowering arrangement is 25 cm long. There are many flowers. They are pink or red. The fruit are capsules 2.5 cm long and are twice as long as wide.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs a temperature above 15-18°C. It grows on steep mountain slopes in tropical forests. It grows between 300-3,900 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown by cuttings.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

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