



PLANT FACT SHEET

Raphanus sativus L.

GENUS *Raphanus* FAMILY Brassicaceae

COMMON NAMES Radish

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Leaves, Herb, Fruit, Vegetable, Flowers

The young tender roots are mostly eaten raw.

The leaves and flowers are eaten cooked.

Roots and seeds are pickled.

The young pods can be eaten in salads.

DESCRIPTION

A cabbage family herb. It is a small quick growing plant with a thickened edible root. The leaves are divided along the middle nerve and are hairy. The end lobe is largest. The flowers are white or lilac with purple veins. The fruit is a pod. It is round in cross section and does not open at maturity. It is constricted between the seeds. The fattened roots can be red, white, purple or black. They can be round, oblong or long and narrow. There are several cultivated varieties especially in China.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It grows from the coast up to at least 2400 m in the tropics. It grows best in a cool climate of about 15°C. It is frost resistant. It suits hardiness zones 6-9. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed planted at 5 cm spacing. In tropical highland areas seeds can be saved from plants to re-sow.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants can be ready after 3 weeks.

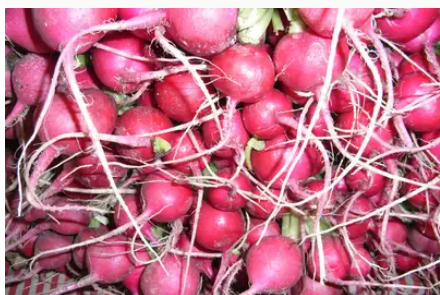
NOTES

There are 8 *Raphanus* species.

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