PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus florentina (Zuccagni) C. K. Schneider

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Balkan crabapple, Italian crabapple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 8 m high. It is a broad column shape. The bark is red to purple-brown. It flakes into small thin squares. The bark is orange-yellow when freshly exposed. The leaves are broadly oval. They are 6 cm long by 5 cm wide. They have teeth and lobes. They are deep green above and densely hairy underneath. They turn purple and red in autumn. The flowers are white and 2 cm across. There are 5 petals and yellow anthers. The flowers are in clusters. The fruit are round or pear shaped and reddish-orange. They are 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is native to N. Italy and N. Turkey. It grows in scrub and on rocky slopes. Temperate. It suits hardiness zones 6-9.

NOTES

There are about 35 Malus species and very many cultivated varieties.

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