PLANT FACT SHEET

Eriolobus trilobatus (Poir.) C. K. Schneid.

GENUS *Eriolobus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Three-lobed-leaved pear, Crab apple, Erect crab

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or boiled.
The dried leaves are used for tea drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 15 m tall. It is a narrow cone shape. The bark is dark grey-brown. It cracks into many small squares. The leaves are divided into 3 lobes and the central lobe is divided into 3 more lobes. These can be divided more. The leaves are glossy green and smooth above and paler and hairy underneath. They turn yellow, red and purple in autumn. The flowers are white and 4 cm across. They have 5 petals and yellow anthers. The buds are woolly. The flowers are borne in clusters at the ends of shoots. The fruit are small and hard. They are green and can be flushed with red. They are 2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is native to S.W. Asia and Greece. Temperate. Arboretum Tasmania.

NOTES

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

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