PLANT FACT SHEET

Agapetes variegata (Roxb.) D. Don ex G. Don

GENUS *Agapetes* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen plant. It grows 2 m high and spreads 1 m wide. The stems are erect and woody and branching. The leaves are oblong and taper. They are olive-green. The leaves are opposite each other. They have prominent veins. The flowers are tube shape and bright pink. They have 5 lobes. They hang on clusters from old wood.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best in light to medium well-drained soil. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are 80-90 Agapetes species. They are low shrubs. They are mostly in tropical Asia.

REFERENCES

Altschul, S.V.R., 1973, Drugs and Foods from Little-known Plants. Notes in Harvard University Herbaria. Harvard Univ. Press. Massachusetts. no. 3190
Bodkin, F., 1991, Encyclopedia Botanica. Cornstalk publishing, p 55

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/9ebcf63c-13e6-4bef-910f-3240ccb30c03