PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Cinchona calisaya Wedd.

GENUS *Cinchona* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Peruvian bark, Chinabark, Ledgerbark, Quinine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - spice

The bark is used as a bitter flavouring in drinks. It should only be used in small amounts.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be 8 m tall. The flowers are white to pink. They are in groups. They have a scent.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the cool, humid rainforests in the Andes. It is best in well drained soils. It can grow in light shade. It can tolerate temperatures down to 7°C. It grows between 400-3,000 m above sea level. It won't grow in soils exposed to fire. It suits hardiness zone 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants start flowering after 3-4 years.

NOTES

It has medicinal uses. It can be used to treat malaria.

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