PLANT FACT SHEET

Vinca major Linn.

GENUS *Vinca* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Large periwinkle, Greater Periwinkle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a trailing plant. It grows 45 cm high and spreads 1.5-3 m wide. It keeps growing from year to year. It keeps its leaves. The stems are slender and leathery. The leaves are glossy and dark green. They can be patterned. The flowers are open and mauve or purple. They are wide and flat.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in wet gullies. It is shade tolerant. It grows well in Mediterranean climates. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 7-11. Tasmania Herbarium. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are 7 Vinca species. It can be invasive.

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