PLANT FACT SHEET

Acer pictum subsp. mono (Maxim.) H.Ohashi

GENUS *Acer* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Painted maple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Branches - drink, Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as a potherb.
The older leaves are used as a tea substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 10-15 m high. The young branches become yellowish-grey and slightly cracked in the second year. The leaves are alternate and almost round but with 5 to 7 lobes. The leaves are 8-15 cm across. The lobes are a triangle shape. The flowers are small and greenish-yellow. They are in groups 4-6 cm across at the ends of branches. The fruit have wings twice the length of the nuts.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs sun and a well drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 5-8.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows rapidly.

NOTES

There are about 120-150 Acer species.

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