PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus limetta Risso

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet lemon, Sweet lime

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Some varieties are acid and used as flavouring. They can also be used for juice.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 6-12 m high. The crown is round. The leaves are simple and leathery. They are 4-8 cm long. There are small wings on the leaf stalk. The flowers are pure white. The fruit looks like a lime. It is not sour. It has a rounded base and smooth skin. The skin is thin and green. The flesh is juicy and orange. There are few seeds.

Now Citrus medica L.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and subtropical countries. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seed or grafting.

NOTES

There are 20 Citrus species. Several hybrids have been formed.

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