PLANT FACT SHEET

Kerria japonica (L.) DC.

GENUS *Kerria* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Bachelor's button, Ditang flower, Japanese rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A low, deciduous shrub. It develops suckers. It grows 1.8 m tall and spreads 1.5 m wide. The stems are like canes. The leaves are 6-10 cm long and alternate. They are egg shaped and dark green. The flowers are cup shaped and bright yellow. They are 5 cm across. They are on short spurs in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. Some named varieties with double flowers have been produced.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It will grow in any moderately fertile soil. It needs good drainage. It can grow in sun or light shade. It needs a cool climate. It grows in the mountains of China and Japan. In China it is between 200-3,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. Melbourne Botanical gardens. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by cuttings or layering.

NOTES

There is only one Kerria species.

PICTURES



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