PLANT FACT SHEET

Crassula arborescens (Mill.) Willd.

GENUS *Crassula* **FAMILY** Crassulaceae

COMMON NAMES Round-leaved crassula

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The roots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent tree. It grows to about 3 m tall. he bark is green-grey, succulent and smooth. The leaves are fleshy and bluish-grey. They are oval and tapering towards the base. They have a waxy bloom. They are 3 cm long by 3 cm wide. The flowers are pink and in clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit are small and 6 mm long. They have 3-5 separate oval follicles. The roots are edible.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to subtropical climate plant. It grows on rocky hillsides. It can grow on fairly poor, well-drained soils. It is salt tolerant. It is best in a partly shaded position. It is resistant to frost and drought. Hobart Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They can also be grown by stem or leaf cuttings.

NOTES

There are 216 succulent Crassula species. There are also other Crassula species. There are 300 total.

PICTURES



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