PLANT FACT SHEET

Malva sinensis Mill.

GENUS *Malva* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Jin hui

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It can grow for 2 or more years. It is 50-90 cm high. It has many branches. The leaves are alternate. The edges of the leaves have teeth. Leaves taper to the tip. The leaves are heart shaped or kidney shaped. They have 5-7 lobes. Leaves are 5-12 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. They are papery. Flowers occur in the axils of leaves in groups of 3-11. Flowers are red-purple or white. They are 3.5-4 cm across. The fruit is a flat, round capsule. It is 5-7 mm across. It is hairy. The seeds are dark brown and kidney shaped. They are 2 mm across.

HABITAT

It is cultivated throughout China.

NOTES

There are about 30 Malva species.

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