PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus spectabilis (Aiton) Borkh.

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese flowering apple, Asiatic apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit and leaves are used as famine food.
The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A robust small tree. It grows 8 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 5-8 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are slightly hairy when young. There are teeth along the edge. The flower buds are dark pink. The flowers are 5 cm across. They can be single or double. The fruit are yellowish.

HABITAT

Temperate. It grows in mountain regions between 500-2,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 35 Malus species and very many cultivated varieties.

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