PLANT FACT SHEET

Rheum palmatum Linn.

GENUS *Rheum* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Pieplant, Chinese rhubarb, Chinghai rhubarb

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: leaves, Rhizome, Root

The leaf stalks are sometimes eaten or made into wine or preserves.
The rhizomes are used in medicine.

DESCRIPTION

A plant that keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1.5-2.4 m high and spreads 1.5 m wide. It has a thick rhizome. The leaf stalks are thick and fleshy. The leaves have deep lobes and teeth. They are 100 cm wide. The young leaves are purplish-red. The flowers are in fluffy panicles. They flowers are small and pink. They grow on tall stems. The fruit have 3 wings.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows between 1,500-4,400 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 6-9. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

PICTURES



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