PLANT FACT SHEET

Aronia arbutifolia (L.) Pers.

GENUS *Aronia* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Red Chokeberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit has a sharp taste. They are used in preserves and sauces. They can be stewed or made into jelly. The fruit can be dried for later use.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves in winter. It grows to 1.8-3 m tall. It has many stems which stick upwards. It forms suckers around the base. They form spreading clumps. The leaves are narrow and oval. There are fine teeth around the leaf edge. They turn bright red in autumn. The flowers are white. The fruit are deep red berries. The fruit are 7 mm across. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is a common understorey plant in North America. They can withstand frost. It is cold hardy down to -25°C. They can grow in part shade but do well in full sunlight. It grows in wet acidic soils. It cannot tolerate alkalinity. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings. Old stems can be cut back near the ground to encourage new growth.

NOTES

There are 3 Aronia species.

PICTURES



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