PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa sericea Lindley

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan rose, Maltese cross rose, Silky rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Stem

The ripe fruit are eaten.
Pregnant ladies eat with caution.
The tender stems is eaten as a vegetable.
Flowers are used for herbal teas.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It is spiny with many branches. It grows about 2-3 m high. It spreads 2.4 m wide. The prickles are brown and straight. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are divided into an odd number of leaflets. There are normally 7-9 leaflets with short stalks. These are oblong and with teeth towards the tip. They have long, soft hairs, often on both surfaces. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. They occur singly on side shoots. They are white or yellowish. The fruit is round or pear shaped. It is red. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. In Nepal plants grow between 1700-4200 m altitude. In the Indian Himalayas it grows between 2,700-3,000 m above sea level. They grow in exposed places. It suits hardiness zones 6-10. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

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