PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus medica var. sarcodactylis (Hoola van Nooten) Swingle

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Buddha's hand citron

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Peel, Flowers

The skin of the fruit are crystallized and candied.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows about 2.5 m tall. It has sharp thorns 2-3 cm long. The leaves are simple. They are 7-17 cm long. The leaf stalk is short and with small wings. The flowers are white with purple buds. They grow in the axils of leaves and near the ends of branches. The fruit are divided into finger like segments. They do not have many seeds.

HABITAT

It can tolerate a temperature down to 3-5°C. Brisbane Botanical Gardens. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or grafting.

PICTURES



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