PLANT FACT SHEET

Indigofera decora Lindl.

GENUS *Indigofera* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese Indigo, Courtyard vine, Tingteng

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seed are boiled and eaten.
They are also made into flour.

DESCRIPTION

A bushy deciduous shrub. It forms suckers. It grows 60 cm high. It spreads 1 m wide. The leaves are glossy and dark green. They are divided along the stalk. The leaves are 25 cm long and there are 7-13 oval leaflets. The flowers are mauve-pink and in long sprays. The flowers are pea shaped.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is moderately frost hardy. It suits hardiness zones 6-10. Arboretum Tasmania. Melbourne Botanical garden.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings or basal suckers. In frost plants may die back to ground level but regrow from the rootstock.

NOTES

There are about 500-700 Indigofera species. They grow in the tropics and subtropics.

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