PLANT FACT SHEET

Dianthus barbatus L.

GENUS *Dianthus* **FAMILY** Caryophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet William

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Spice

The flowers have a mild flavour and are used to garnish vegetables, fruit salads and other desserts.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that will keep growing from year to year. The stem curve upwards to 25 cm high. The leaf blades are narrow and spoon shaped. They are 10 cm long and 2 cm wide. The flowers are in dense heads near the ends of the branches.

HABITAT

It is best in light to medium, well-drained soils. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to frost and drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 300 Dianthus species.

PICTURES



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