PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa villosa L.

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Apple rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also processed into preserves, wines, puddings, sauces, sweetmeats and drinks. The leaves are used as a substitute for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.8 m tall and spreads 1.2 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The branches are stiff and straight. There are scattered thorns. The leaves are downy and grey-green. The flowers are single and pink. The fruit are large, round, red hips. They have bristles.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 5-7.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties. Fruit are rich in Vitamin C.

PICTURES



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