PLANT FACT SHEET

Crataegus orientalis Pall. ex M. Bieb.

GENUS *Crataegus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Eastern thorn, Silver hawthorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowering shoots - tea

The fruit are eaten raw especially by children.
The flowering shoots are used for tea. They are also eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small spreading tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 5 m tall. It spreads 2 m wide. The leaves are furry and grey-green. The leaves turn yellow in autumn. They are 5 cm long and have lobes. There are teeth along the edge near the tip. The flowers are whitish-pink. They have 5 petals. The fruit are large orange-red berries. They are 2 cm long.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It will grow in most soils. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to frost and drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

Medlar is grafted onto this plant due to its hardiness.

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