PLANT FACT SHEET

Crataegus mollis (Torr. & A. Gray.) Scheele.

GENUS *Crataegus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Downy hawthorn, Red haw

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or used for jellies.
The fruit and twigs are used for tea drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small deciduous tree. It grows up to 10-12 m high. The bark is red-brown. It becomes grey-brown and cracks into scaly plates. The leaves are 4-8 cm long. They are widest below the middle. Leaves are coarsely double toothed. The leaves are dark green and hairy. The thorns are 2-6 cm long. They are straight and slender. The flowers are 2.5 cm across and white with yellow anthers. They occur in broad heads on downy stalks. The fruits are round and 10-12 mm across. They are red.

HABITAT

It is native to C. United States. It grows near woods and often on limestone. Temperate. In Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The seed need cold treatment. Plants can also be grafted.

NOTES

There are 200 or more Crataegus species.

PICTURES



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