PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhododendron lapponicum (L.) Wahlenb.

GENUS *Rhododendron* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Lapland rose-bay

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

The leaves and flowers are dried and used for tea drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It is erect or can lie over. It has many branches. It grows 30 cm high. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The leaves are leathery and dark green above but rusty coloured with hairs underneath. The flowers are purple and have a faint scent.

HABITAT

It grows in alpine and subarctic regions. It grows on open stony or gravelly tundra. It grows on non-acid rocks. In north China it grows in damp places between sea level and 1,900 m above sea level.

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