PLANT FACT SHEET

Clematis flammula L.

GENUS *Clematis* **FAMILY** Ranunculaceae

COMMON NAMES Fragrant virgin's bower, Fragrant Clematis

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

CAUTION: Most Clematis contain an irritant poison.
The young shoots are boiled and eaten. They are used in omelettes and stir fried.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 5 m long. The leaves are twice divided. The leaflets are oblong. Sometimes they have 3 lobes. The leaves do not have teeth. The flowers are white and 15-30 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in scrub, hedges and along walls and waste places. It does best in cool, moist, rich soils. It needs a protected sunny position. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by fresh seed or from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 250 Clematis species.

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