PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Rosa odorata var. gigantea* (Collett ex Crep.) Rehder & E. H. Wilson

**GENUS** *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Manipur wild-tea rose, Giant rose of the Himalayas

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Flowers, Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It grows 9-18 m high and spreads 6-12 m wide. It keeps its leaves most of the year. The stems are thorny. The leaves are glossy and deep green. The flowers are cream, white or pink. The fruit are large red hips. They are yellow.

## HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. In China it grows between 1,400-2,700 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. In Yunnan.

## NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

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