PLANT FACT SHEET

Aristotelia serrata (J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.) W. R. B. Oliver

GENUS *Aristotelia* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES New Zealand wineberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw.
They are also used in wine.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows to about 10 m high. The trunk can be 30 cm across. The young bark is reddish. It can lose its leaves in cold places. The leaves are thin and let light through. They are pale green in colour. The leaves are pointed and with teeth along the edge. Male and female flowers occur on separate trees. The flowers grow in clusters. They can be pale pink or red. The fruit are 5 mm long. They are red when mature and black when fully ripe.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in lowland and subalpine forests in New Zealand. It grows from sea level to 1050 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly.

NOTES

There are about 5-8 Aristotelia species. They grow in southern temperate regions.

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