PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus paniculatus Sm.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are sweet.
The leaves are used as a substitute for betel leaves.

DESCRIPTION

A straggling shrub. It grows about 5 m high. The leaves have stalks. They are alternate. They are 6-14 cm long and 5-10.5 cm wide. They are broadly oval to heart shaped. They have a long point. They have irregular teeth. They have soft white hairs underneath. The flowers have stalks. They also have bracts and are white. The fruit are red or black.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal they grow between 1700-2900 m altitude. They grow on open hillsides. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from root offshoots or seed.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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