PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa macrophylla Lindley

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan musk rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Flowers

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2 m high. It has few prickles. The prickles are straight with a broad, expanded base. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are divided into 5-9 leaflets with an odd number. These are divided along the stalk without leaflet stalks. They have fine teeth and are hairy underneath. The flowers are large and occur singly. They are pinkish red and at the ends of branches. The fruit are very large. They can be 5 cm long. They are red, bristly and flask shaped. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 2100-3800 m altitude. They grow in open, rocky places. Melbourne Botanical gardens. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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