PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhus trilobata Nutt. ex Torr. & A. Gray

GENUS *Rhus* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Three-lobed sumac

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit (berries) are eaten fresh or dried and mixed with corn meal. They can be used for jam or pies. They can be crushed and soaked in coal water to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2.4 m high and spreads 3 m wide. New growth is hairy. The leaves have leaflets with 3 lobes. The flowers are light green and in clusters. The fruit are round and red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on dry hillsides. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species.

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