PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes inerme Rydb.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES Whitestem gooseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten and also used for juice. They are cooked and also used for pies. They are also dried.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 0.9-1.8 m high and spreads 1.5 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The plant has some thorns. The leaves are small and have 3-5 lobes. They have blunt teeth along the edge. The flowers are greenish with pink or white petals. They are in small clusters. The fruit are purple-red and edible.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. In Canada it grows in foothills and mountain forest. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.

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