PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus spectabilis Pursh

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Salmonberry, Thimbleberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit, Stem, Leaves - tea

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also dried or made into tarts and jelly.
The young shoots are peeled and eaten raw or roasted.
The leaves are used as a substitute for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A prickly shrub. It grows 1.8 m tall and spreads 1.8 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The stems are upright. It has small thorns. The leaves have 3 egg shaped leaflets. The flowers occur singly and are pink or purple. The fruit is a berry which is edible. It is a yellow-pink colour.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in shaded swamps and damp woods. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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