PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa pimpinellifolia L.

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Burnet rose, Dune rose, Pimpinella-leaved rose, Scotch briar, Scotch rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Shoots

The fruit are eaten when ripe.
The young shoots are peeled and eaten raw as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It forms suckers and loses its leaves during the year. It grows 0.9-2 m high and spreads 1.2 m wide. It has narrow prickles and bristles. The leaves are green and hairless. There are 5-11 leaflets. These are oval and have sharp teeth. The leaves are coarse and feather like. The flowers are creamy-white or occasionally pink. They are 20-40 mm across. They occur singly. The fruit is a round hip. It is 6-10 mm across. These turn black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in rocky and sandy places. It grows on sandy shores. It suits hardiness zones 4-10.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

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