PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhus microphylla Engelm.

GENUS *Rhus* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Desert sumach, Littleleaf sumach

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The dried fruit are ground and the pulp mixed with water and sugar to make jam. They are also used for a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.8-3 m high and spreads 1.5-1.8 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are compound. They have up to 9 leaflets. The flowers are small and white. The fruit are small and orange-red.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to tropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species.

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