PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus racemosus Roxb.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. The prickles are curved. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk with one at the end. The leaves are 12 cm long by 8 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. The end leaflet is oval and 8 cm long by 6 cm wide. There are a few flowers in a group in the axils of the leaves. The flowers are 1 cm wide. The fruit are round and purple and 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forests. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In south India plants flower ad fruit December to May.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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