PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhamnus sphaerosperma var. pubescens (Reissek) M. C. Johnston

GENUS *Rhamnus* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-8 m tall. The plant is softly hairy with rusty coloured hairs. The leave are 4-14 cm long and 3-6 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. There are up to 9 fruit in the axils of leaves. The fruit are 5-7 mm across. They are dark red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest or on open sunny hillsides It is usually between 800-2,700 m altitude. In Argentina it grows below 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are over 100 Rhamnus species.

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