PLANT FACT SHEET

Rheum ribes Linn.

GENUS *Rheum* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Currant-fruited rhubarb, Rawash, Syrian rhubarb

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Seeds, Leaves, Root - drink, Stems

The leaf stalks are used as a vegetable. They are made into pies and preserves. They have the favour of currants.
The outer part of the stem is removed and then eaten raw.
The leaves are used for sarma in Turkey. They are rolled around a filling of rice or minced meat.
The root is used as a hot drink.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems are solid and warty. The leaf stalks are rough. The leaf blade is 30-50 cm long by 25-40 cm wide. They are heart shaped.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Pakistan it grows between 1,000-4,000 m altitude.

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