PLANT FACT SHEET

Vitis riparia Michx.

GENUS *Vitis* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Riverbank grape

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Sap

The fruit are eaten raw or dried. They can be used for jams or jellies. They are best after the first frost.
Sap of the vine is used as a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing or scrambling plant. It grows 12 m high and spreads 3-6 m wide. The leaves usually have 3 lobes. They are shiny green and have teeth along the edge. The flowers have a sweet scent. The fruit are purple-black and round. They are tart but edible. There are sweet varieties.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows along streams and in woodland. It suits hardiness zones 2-8.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 60 to 70 species of Vitis.

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