PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa webbiana Wallich ex Royle

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Leaves

The young reddish shoots which emerge from the roots are eaten fresh or cooked.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also used for jam.
The root bark is used to make tea.

DESCRIPTION

A woody shrub. It grows 2 m high and spreads 2 m wide. Young reddish shoots emerge directly from the roots. The shoots can arch over or trail along the ground. The leaves are small and greyish blue. The flowers are small and have a scent. The fruit are pear shaped orange-red hips. The young shoots are eaten.

HABITAT

It is a cool temperate plant. In the Indian Himalayas it grows between 2,000-4,000 m above sea level. It suits cold arid places. In Tibet it grows between 2,000-4,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

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