PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes triste Pall.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES American red currant, Drooping currant, Smooth currant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are sometimes eaten raw. They are also used in pies, cakes, and preserves.
The fruit can be boiled and made into syrup.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It does not have thorns. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves turn bright red then yellow before falling off in autumn. The flowers are reddish or dull purple. They are small and 6-15 occur in drooping clusters. The flower stalks have joints. The fruit are bright red and sour.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in moist conifer forest and near swamps and stream banks. In northern China it grows between 1,000-1,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zone 3.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from branches. Plants can be grown from seed after they have received cold storage.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.
They have health benefits.

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