PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus pectinellus Maxim.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Atibulnak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fleshy fruit is eaten raw.
The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A trailing plant with heart shaped leaves. It grows about 1 m long. The stems, leaves and outer layer of sepals are armed with small spines. The leaves are rough, hairy, heart shaped and toothed. They are 3-6 cm across. The flowers are white and the fruit 1.5 cm across. They are bright red and juicy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. Common and widely distributed in the mossy forests of the Philippines. In China it grows between 700-3,000 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in May and June and fruit in July to August.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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