PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus mesogaeus Focke

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Shade-loving blackberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. The branches are long and slender. They have a dense covering and a few prickles. The leaves have 3 leaflets and the end leaflet is broadly oval. It is 6-7 cm long by 5-6 cm wide. There are shallow lobes above the middle. The side leaflets are smaller. The flowers are white or pink and 1 cm across. They are in loose clusters. The fruit are blue to black and 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In the Himalayas it grows between 2,200-2,800 m altitude. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower April to May and fruit July to August.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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