PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Rubus nubigenus* Kunth

**GENUS** *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Giant Colombian blackberry

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

## DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows stems that last for 2 years and then fruit. They are 2 m long. The fruit are large. They are 5 cm long by 2.5 cm wide.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at high elevations. It grows between 2,600-3,400 m above sea level. It needs a well-drained loamy soil. It can grow in sun or light shade.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are best grown from fresh seed. Seed need cold treatment at about 3°C for one month. Plants can be grown from half-ripe wood. They can also be grown by tip layering and division of new young growth.

## NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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