PLANT FACT SHEET

Randia spinosa (Thunb.) Bl.

GENUS *Randia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain pomegranate, Spiny randia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten in small quantities.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It has thorns. These spines are in the axils of leaves and are straight. The small branches have soft hairs on them. The leaves are 5-8 cm long by 2-3.5 cm wide. The leaves are opposite. The flowers occur singly or in pairs near the ends of branches. The flowers are white and turn pale yellow. The flower tubes are 1-1.2 cm long and narrow with 5 spreading petals. The fruit are oval and 4 cm long by 3 cm wide. There are many seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In the Himalayas it grows up to 1,600 m above sea level.

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