PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes magellanicum Poir.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES Magellanic currant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked. They are used in jams. They are also used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub. It grows 1.8-2.4 m high and spreads 1.8 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves have 3-5 lobes. The flowers are creamy yellow and hang on clusters. The fruit are red-black.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Chile it grows at low altitudes. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. It can tolerate some frost and snow. It grows in humid areas with constant rain. It can grow in some shade. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.
It is rich in antioxidants.

PICTURES



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