PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes divaricatum Douglas

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES Coastal black gooseberry, Spreading Gooseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten fresh or dried.
The young leaves and unripe fruit are used to make a sauce. They are boiled together.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can be erect or spreading. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2 m tall and the branches spread over. The bark is smooth and grey. The stems have 1-3 stout spines at each nodes. The leaves are small and have 3-5 lobes. The flowers are small and red or green. They occur in drooping clusters. The fruit is a smooth black berry.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in open woods and along the coastline.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.

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