PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes lacustre (Pers.) Poir.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Saxifragaceae

COMMON NAMES Prickly blackcurrant, Bristly black currant, Swamp currant, Swamp gooseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have a strong smell. They can be eaten raw or cooked. They are not eaten in large amounts.
They are boiled and dried and stored for later use.
They are used for jam.

DESCRIPTION

A low straggling shrub. The stems are spiny and have bristles. It grows about 1 m high. The leaves are small and like maple leaves. They have 5 lobes with deep sharp indents. The flowers are small and green, pink or purple. They are on branched stalks and droop. The fruit are purple berries. They are covered with dense bristles.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. It grows in open places near the tree line in the Rocky Mountains.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.

PICTURES



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