PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa platyacantha Schrenk

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Wide-prickly rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2 m high. The bark is reddish. The thorns are prominent and have a straight tip but are widened at the base. The leaves are compound with 5-9 round leaflets. These have a few large teeth There are some soft hairs underneath. The flowers are yellow and occur singly. The flower stalks are 1.5-4 cm long. The fruit are black to violet and 1-2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. In Kazakhstan it grows in foothills and gorges. It can grow in areas with a fairly low rainfall. In western China it grows between 1,100-1,800 m above sea level.

NOTES

The fruit are high in vitamin C.

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