PLANT FACT SHEET

Searsia chirindensis (Baker f.) Moffett

GENUS *Searsia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Red currant rhus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 7 m high. The branches are often hanging. The leaf stalks are slender. They are 8 cm long. The leaflets have short stalks. They are oval and narrow to the tip. The edge is often wavy. They are 10 cm long by 4 cm wide. The flowers are at the ends of branches. They are in open branched groups. The fruit are round and 4 mm across. They are shiny red.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical and tropical plant. Young plants need protection from frost. It is best in well drained soil. It is tolerant to drought. It can grow in arid places. It often grows in open woodland and on rocky hillsides.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from fresh seeds. It can also be grown from large sections of branches. Sections 10 cm across and 2 m long are suitable.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

PICTURES



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