PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Phytolacca heptandra* Retz.

**GENUS** *Phytolacca* **FAMILY** Phytolaccaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves, Stem

The fruit is eaten as a snack.

## DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 1 m tall. The stems are soft. The leaves are alternate with a narrow blade 11 cm long by 4 cm wide. There are a few flowers on a spike. The flowers are green. The fruit is a collection of 5-7 small fruitlets. Each one is 2-3 mm long. They have deep lobes and are reddish.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is rare in Swaziland.

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