PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus niveus Thunberg

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Mysore Black raspberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are sour. They are also used for jam, juice, tarts, and jellies.

DESCRIPTION

A very spiny scrambling shrub. It grows 1-2.5 m tall. Branches are purple or green. The leaves have 5 to 9 leaflets along the leaf stalk. The edges are toothed and the lower surface is whitish. The fruit occur in clusters near the ends of branches. They change from dark red to black at maturity. They are 0.8-1.2 cm across. They have a good flavour.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are abundant in areas of shrub from 1300 to 1600 m. They occur in Bontoc and Benguet, Mountain Province in the Philippines. In China it grows between 500-2800 m altitude on slopes and mountain valleys in S China. In Zimbabwe it grows between 1,260-1,890 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from root offshoots or seeds.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

PICTURES



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