PLANT FACT SHEET

Vitis lanata Roxb.

GENUS *Vitis* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild grape, Mountain splitter

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Sap

The stem when cut contains watery sap whichnis drunk.
The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large woody climber. It can climb 25 m tall. It has long forked tendrils. The branches and leaves have a brown felted covering. The leaves have stalks. These are 7 cm long. The leaves are 6.5-22 cm long by 5.5-27 cm wide. Leaves are oval or round to heart shaped. They taper to the tip. There are teeth around the edge. The hairs are thicker underneath than above. The flowers are yellow and have a scent. They occur in large compound clusters opposite the leaves. The fruit are round and usually with one seed. They are about 1 cm across. The seeds are greenish and 7 mm long by 4 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal plants grow between 900-2100 m altitude. They are common in moist, open, rocky places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or root offshoots.

Harvesting and Seed Production

A vine can yield 18 kg of fruit.

NOTES

There are 60 to 70 species of Vitis.

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