PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes orientale Desf.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2 m high. The twigs have glands and are hairy. The leaves are small and have 3-5 shallow lobes. The leaves are 1.2-3.5 cm wide. They are rounded or kidney shaped. The leaves have blunt teeth along the edge. The leaves have glandular hairs. The flowers are of one sex and occur in erect clusters. They are small and reddish-purple. The clusters are 3-5 cm long. The flowers are 3-5 mm long. The fruit are red, round berries. They have a few hairs.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In the Himalayas it grows between 2,100-4,000 m altitude. It grows on stony slopes. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.

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