PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus glaucus Benth.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Andean blackberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten with sugar and cream. They are used for conserves and for syrup. They are used for juice and desserts.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m high. The fruit are light red to dark purple. They are 3 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the tropical highlands. It grows in areas with a well distributed medium rainfall. In Colombia it grows between 1,800-2,400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grown from seed produce fruit in 2 years and in 1 year from cuttings. They last for 4 years.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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