PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes uva-crispa L.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES European Gooseberry, English Gooseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

The fruit can be eaten raw, stewed or made into jam.
The unripe fruit are often used for pies and tarts.
The leaves are used for tea drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small thorny shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows to 1-2 m tall. It spreads 1 m wide. The stems are thorny. The leaves are small and heart shaped. They have 3-5 lobes and teeth along the edges. The flowers are green. The fruit has a tough skin covered with spiky hairs. The fruit can be green or red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on many soils. It can tolerate frost. They fruit well in cooler climates. They do well in medium to heavy well-drained soils. It grows in the high mountain belt in the Caucasus. It grows between 1,500-2,200 m above sea level. It is restricted in Canada and the USA because it helps spread white-pine blister-rust. They can be grown in the hills in Java. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

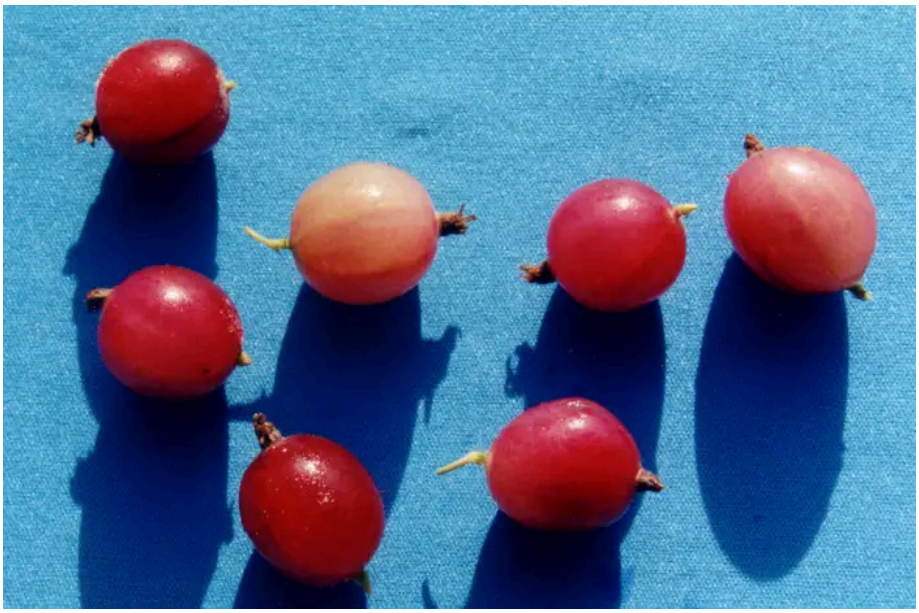
Cultivation

They can be grown from seed. They are best grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.

PICTURES



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