PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa laevigata Michaux.

GENUS *Rosa* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Cherokee rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Roots - tea

The fruit are eaten. They are used in drinks and soups.
The root is sliced and used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It is climbing and has thorny stems. It grows 9 m high and spreads 6 m wide. The leaves are leathery and glossy green. They have 3-5 leaflets. There are teeth along the leaflets. The flowers are large and occur singly. They are 6-8 cm across. They are nearly flat when open. They are white or cream. They have 5 petals. They have a scent. The fruit are bristly hips that are orange-red.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in warm temperate and subtropical SE Asia. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

NOTES

There are about 150 Rosa species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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