PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Ribes bracteosum* Douglas ex Hook.

**GENUS** *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Californian black currant, Stink currant

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.
They are also boiled with salmon roe, dried and stored for later use.
The fruit can be eaten with milk and sugar or made into jams.

## DESCRIPTION

An erect, scraggly shrub. It grow 2-3 m tall. The bark is grey and dotted with yellow glands. The leaves are large. They have 5-7 lobes. There are teeth around the edge. The plant has a musky odour. The flowers are small and white to green. They are in long erect clusters. The berries are round and blue. They have a waxy coat. The fruit are edible but the taste varies.

## HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to Mediterranean climate plant. It grows along shaded stream banks.

## NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.

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