PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus rolfei S. Vidal

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Dutung

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The berries are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub 2 to 3 m high. It is a ground cover plant. The stems and lower surfaces of leaves and covered with fine soft hairs while the stem and larger veins of the leaves are armed with small spines. The leaves are rough and 3 to 5 lobed and dark green above and brownish underneath. They have a toothed edge. The leaves are crinkled. They turn reddish-brown with frost. The flowers are small and white. The fruit are yellow, fleshy and well flavoured.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are common in mossy forests throughout the Philippines. In Taiwan it grows between 1,600-3,800 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

PICTURES



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