PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus alpestris Blume

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing or erect shrub. It grows up to 4 m tall. The stems ahve short glandular hairs. It only has a few prickles. They are up to 7 mm long. They can be curved or straight. The leaves are divided like fingers on a hand. There are 5 leaflets. They are oblong and the end ones are 6-14 cm by 2-4 cm while the side leaflets are smaller. The edges of the leaves have saw like teeth. The lower surface of the leaves is hairy. The flower cluster is in the axils of the upper 1-3 leaves. There are usually 1-6 flowers. The fruit or berry is 1 cm across. They are red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in light forest from 1650 - 3,000 m altitude. In Vietnam it grows at 2,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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