PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus boliviensis Focke

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Zarzamora, Cari-cari

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten and also used for marmalade.

DESCRIPTION

A creeping plant. It grows to 10 m long. It has spines which curve backwards. The leaves are alternate and with 3 leaflets. They are 3-6 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The spines are 1-2 mm long. The leaflets are oval. The edges have irregular teeth. They are green on top and whitish underneath. The flowering stalk is in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a multiple fruit made up of many small seeded fruits joined together.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows between 600-2500 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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