PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Rubus odoratus* L.

**GENUS** *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Purple-flowering raspberry

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw. They are also made into pies, jams and jellies.

## DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It grows 2.4 m high and spreads 2.4 m wide. The stems arch over. The bark peels off. The leaves have 5 lobes and teeth along the edge. They are hairy underneath. It loses its leaves during the year. The flowers are pink. The fruit are flat and reddish orange.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 3-9.

## NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

## PICTURES



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