PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus steudneri var. aberdarensis Schweinf.; Engl.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A stout scrambling shrub. It grows 1-3 m high. The stems are reddish green and hairy. It has hooked prickles 3 mm long. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaflets are broadly oval and have teeth along the edge. They are hairy. The flowers are pink and have 5 sepals. There are many stamens. The fruit is red to black and 1.5 cm across. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at the edges of moist mountain forest. In East Africa it occurs between 1,500-3,200 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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